A Girl on the Shore

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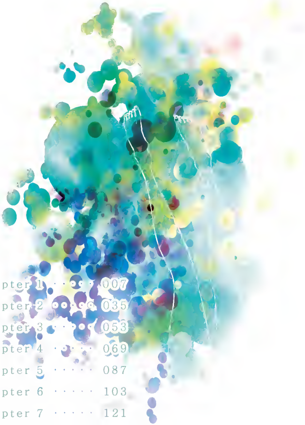

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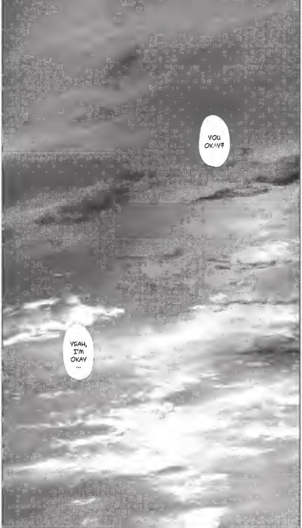
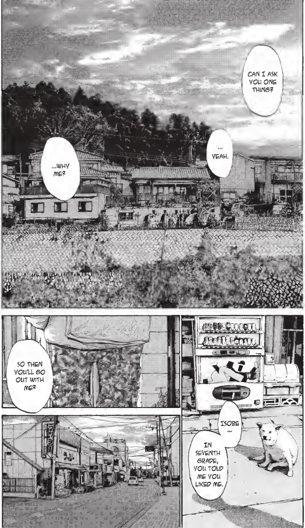
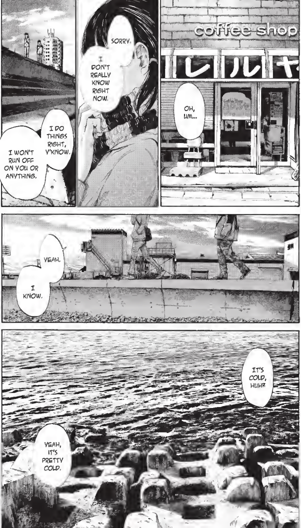

YOU OKAY?
YEAH, I'M OKAY ...


CAN I ASK YOU ONE THING?
... YEAH.
...WHY ME?
ISOBE ...
IN SEVENTH GRADE, YOU TOLD ME YOU LIKED ME.
SO THEN YOU'LL GO OUT WITH ME?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OH, UM...
SORRY.
I DON'T REALLY KNOW RIGHT NOW.
I DO THINGS RIGHT, Y'KNOW.
I WON'T RUN OFF ON YOU OR ANYTHING.
YEAH.
I KNOW.
IT'S COLD, HUH?
YEAH, IT'S PRETTY COLD.

In town, there's a tiny beach that's never busy, not even in the middle of summer.

I used to like walking there, looking for stuff.

Like old fireworks.

Or kelp.

A hat knocked off someone's head by the wind.

You basically never find what you were expecting to.

And maybe you weren't expecting to find anything right from the start...

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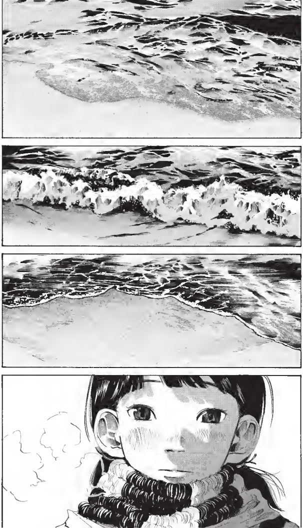
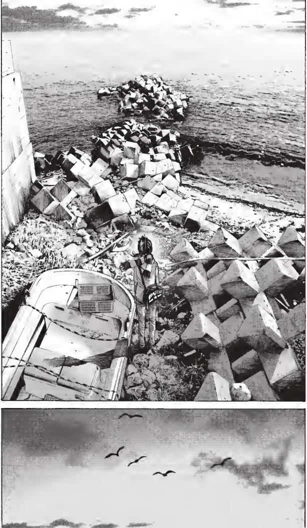
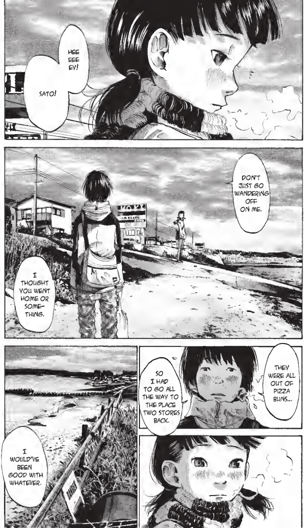
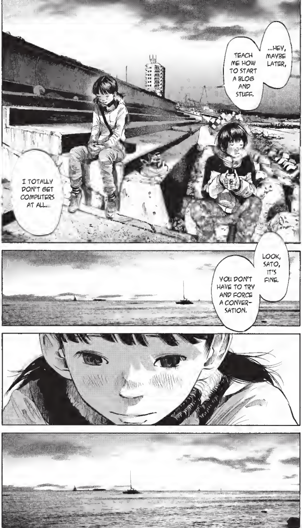
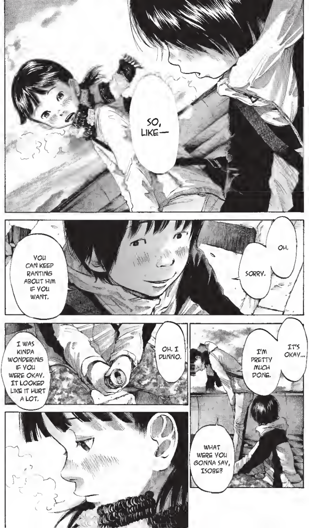
chapter 1

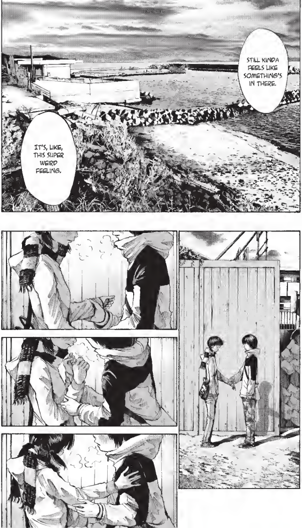


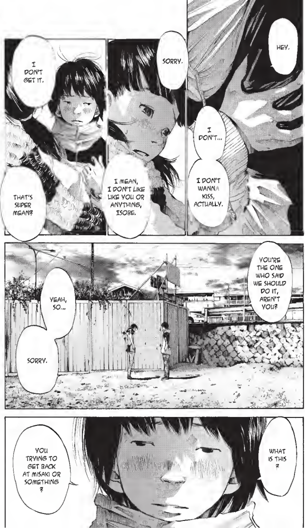


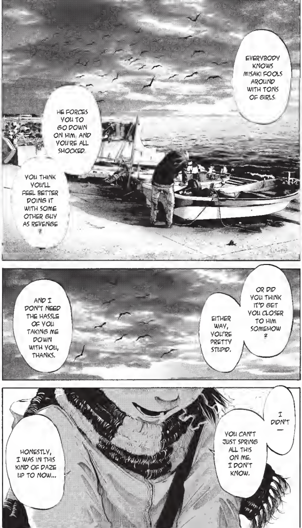

HEE EEE EY!
SATO!
DON'T JUST GO WANDERING OFF ON ME.
I THOUGHT YOU WENT HOME OR SOMETHING.
THEY WERE ALL OUT OF PIZZA BUNS...
SO I HAD TO GO ALL THE WAY TO THE PLACE TWO STORES BACK.
I WOULD'VE BEEN GOOD WITH WHATEVER.

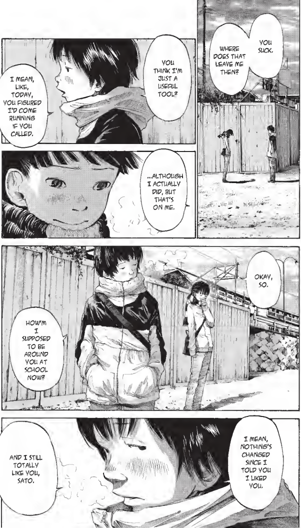

...HEY, MAYBE LATER,
TEACH ME HOW TO START A BLOG AND STUFF.
I TOTALLY DON'T GET COMPUTERS AT ALL...
LOOK, SATO, IT'S FINE.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO TRY AND FORCE A CONVERSATION.

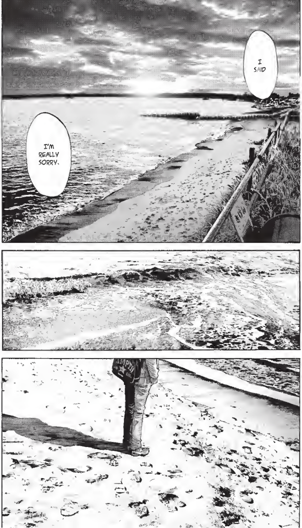

SO, LIKE—
OH.
SORRY.
YOU CAN KEEP RANTING ABOUT HIM IF YOU WANT.
IT'S OKAY...
I'M PRETTY MUCH DONE.
WHAT WERE YOU GONNA SAY, ISOBE?
OH. I DUNNO.
I WAS KINDA WONDERING IF YOU WERE OKAY. IT LOOKED LIKE IT HURT A LOT.

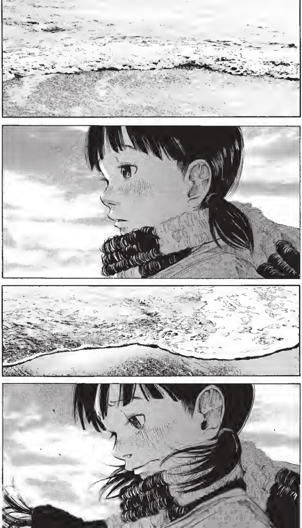

STILL KINDA FEELS LIKE SOMETHING'S IN THERE.
IT'S, LIKE, THIS SUPER WEIRD FEELING.

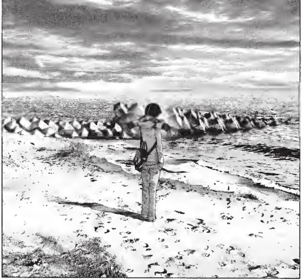

HEY.
I DON'T...
I DON'T WANNA KISS, ACTUALLY.
SORRY.
I MEAN, I DON'T LIKE LIKE YOU OR ANYTHING, ISOBE.
I DON'T GET IT.
THAT'S SUPER MEAN?
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SAID WE SHOULD DO IT, AREN'T YOU?
YEAH, SO...
SORRY.
WHAT IS THIS?
YOU TRYING TO GET BACK AT MISAKI OR SOMETHING?

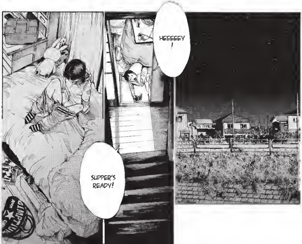

EVERYBODY KNOWS MISAKI FOOLS AROUND WITH TONS OF GIRLS.
HE FORCES YOU TO GO DOWN ON HIM, AND YOU'RE ALL SHOCKED.
YOU THINK YOU'LL FEEL BETTER DOING IT WITH SOME OTHER GUY AS REVENGE?
OR DID YOU THINK IT'D GET YOU CLOSER TO HIM SOMEHOW?
EITHER WAY, YOU'RE PRETTY STUPID.
AND I DON'T NEED THE HASSLE OF YOU TAKING ME DOWN WITH YOU, THANKS.
I DIDN'T —
YOU CAN'T JUST SPRING ALL THIS ON ME. I DON'T KNOW.
HONESTLY, I WAS IN THIS KIND OF DAZE UP TO NOW...


YOU SUCK.
WHERE DOES THAT LEAVE ME THEN?
YOU THINK I'M JUST A USEFUL TOOL?
I MEAN, LIKE, TODAY, YOU FIGURED I'D COME RUNNING IF YOU CALLED.
...ALTHOUGH I ACTUALLY DID, BUT THAT'S ON ME.
OKAY, SO.
HOW'M I SUPPOSED TO BE AROUND YOU AT SCHOOL NOW?
I MEAN, NOTHING'S CHANGED SINCE I TOLD YOU I LIKED YOU.
AND I STILL TOTALLY LIKE YOU, SATO.


I SAID
I'M REALLY SORRY.



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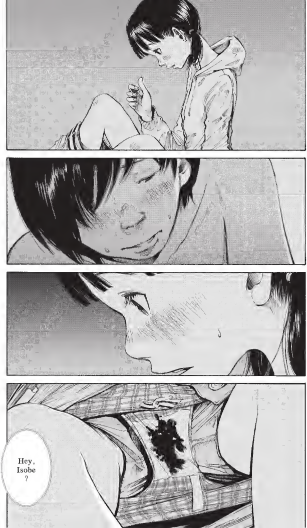
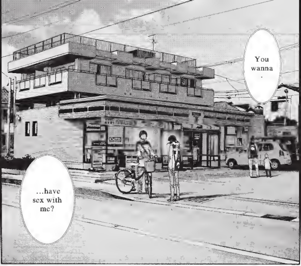
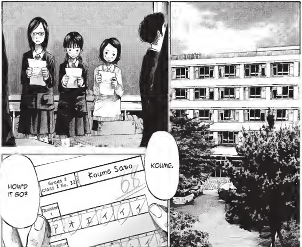
SUPPER'S READY!


Hey, Isobe ?


You wanna
…have sex with me?


KOUME.
HOW'D IT GO?
Grade 8 Class 2 No. 32
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Question 1
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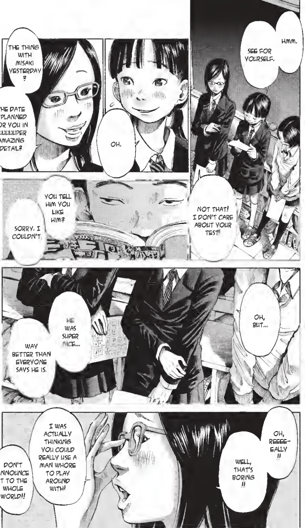
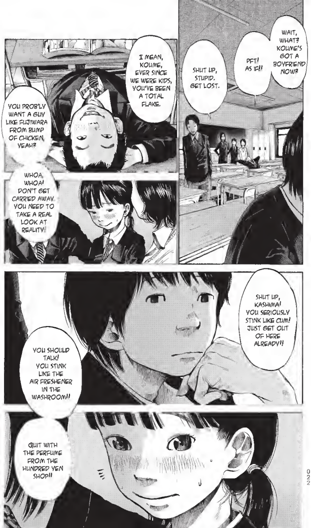
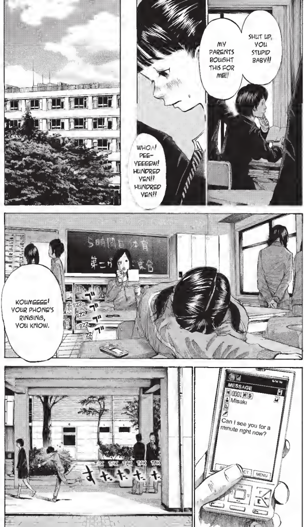

HMM. SEE FOR YOURSELF.
NOT THAT! I DON'T CARE ABOUT YOUR TEST!
THE THING WITH MISAKI YESTERDAY?
THE DATE I PLANNED FOR YOU IN SUUUUUPER AMAZING DETAIL?
OH.
YOU TELL HIM YOU LIKE HIM?
SORRY. I COULDN'T.
OH, BUT...
HE WAS SUPER NICE...
WAY BETTER THAN EVERYONE SAYS HE IS.
OH, REEEEEALLY!!
WELL, THAT'S BORING!!
I WAS ACTUALLY THINKING YOU COULD REALLY USE A MAN WHORE TO PLAY AROUND WITH!
DON'T ANNOUNCE IT TO THE WHOLE WORLD!!


WAIT, WHAT? KOUME'S GOT A BOYFRIEND NOW?
PFT! AS IF!!
SHUT UP, STUPID. GET LOST.
I MEAN, KOUME, EVER SINCE WE WERE KIDS, YOU'VE BEEN A TOTAL FLAKE.
YOU PROB'LY WANT A GUY LIKE FUJIWARA FROM BUMP OF CHICKEN, YEAH?
WHOA WHOA! DON'T GET CARRIED AWAY. YOU NEED TO TAKE A REAL LOOK AT REALITY!
SHUT UP, KASHIMA! YOU SERIOUSLY STINK LIKE CUM! JUST GET OUT OF HERE ALREADY!!
YOU SHOULD TALK! YOU STINK LIKE THE AIR FRESHENER IN THE WASHROOM!!
QUIT WITH THE PERFUME FROM THE HUNDRED YEN SHOP!!


SHUT UP, YOU STUPID BABY!!
MY PARENTS BOUGHT THIS FOR ME!
WHOA! PEE-YEEEEW! HUNDRED YEN!! HUNDRED YEN!!
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KOUMEEEE! YOUR PHONE'S RINGING, YOU KNOW.
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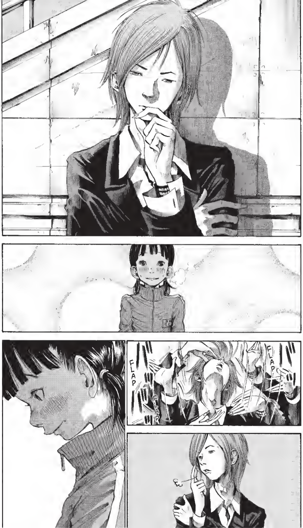
Misaki

Can I see you for a minute right now?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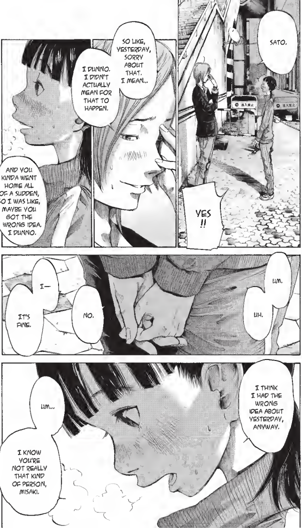
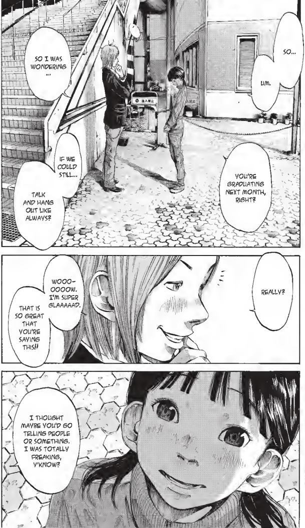
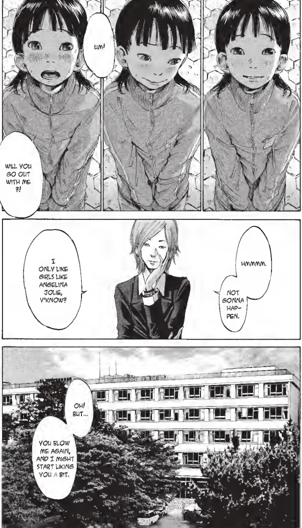
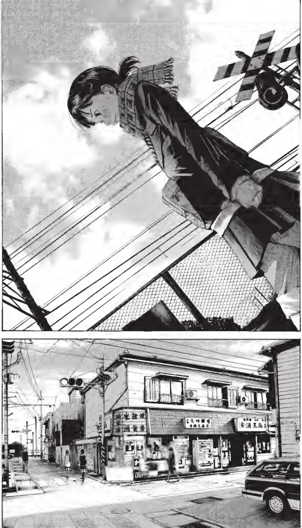
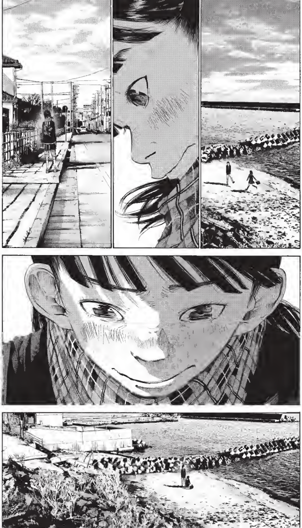
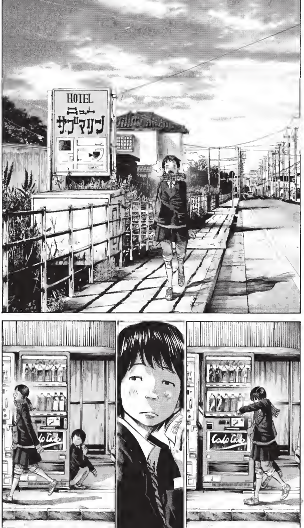

SATO.
YES !!
SO LIKE, YESTERDAY, SORRY ABOUT THAT. I MEAN...
I DUNNO. I DIDN'T ACTUALLY MEAN FOR THAT TO HAPPEN.
AND YOU KINDA WENT HOME ALL OF A SUDDEN, SO I WAS LIKE, MAYBE YOU GOT THE WRONG IDEA, I DUNNO.
UM.
UH.
I—
NO.
IT'S FINE.
I THINK I HAD THE WRONG IDEA ABOUT YESTERDAY, ANYWAY.
UM...
I KNOW YOU'RE NOT REALLY THAT KIND OF PERSON, MISAKI.


SO...
UM.
YOU'RE GRADUATING NEXT MONTH, RIGHT?
SO I WAS WONDERING ...
IF WE COULD STILL...
TALK AND HANG OUT LIKE ALWAYS?
REALLY?
WOOO-OOOOW. I'M SUPER GLAAAAAD.
THAT IS SO GREAT THAT YOU'RE SAYING THIS!!
I THOUGHT MAYBE YOU'D GO TELLING PEOPLE OR SOMETHING. I WAS TOTALLY FREAKING, Y'KNOW?


UM!
WILL YOU GO OUT WITH ME ?!
HMMMM.
NOT GONNA HAP-PEN.
I ONLY LIKE GIRLS LIKE ANGELINA JOLIE, Y'KNOW?
OH! BUT...
YOU BLOW ME AGAIN, AND I MIGHT START LIKING YOU A BIT.



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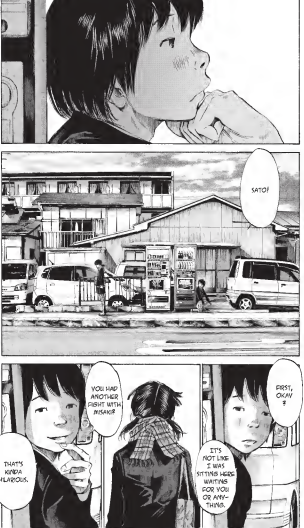
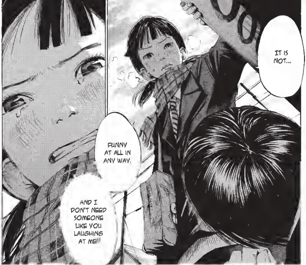
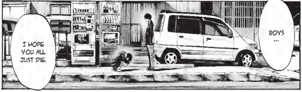
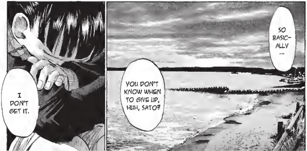
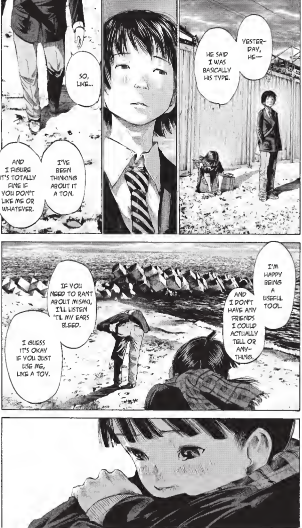
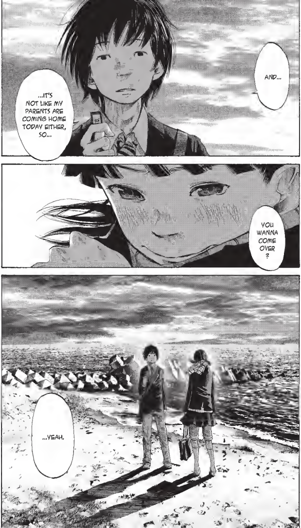

SATO!
FIRST, OKAY?
IT'S NOT LIKE I WAS SITTING HERE WAITING FOR YOU OR ANYTHING.
YOU HAD ANOTHER FIGHT WITH MISAKI?
THAT'S KINDA HILARIOUS.

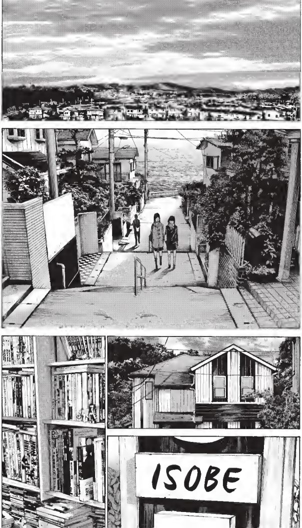

IT IS NOT...
FUNNY AT ALL IN ANY WAY.
AND I DON'T NEED SOMEONE LIKE YOU LAUGHING AT ME!!


BOYS ...
I HOPE YOU ALL JUST DIE.


SO BASIC-ALLY ...
YOU DON'T KNOW WHEN TO GIVE UP, HUH, SATO?
I DON'T GET IT.


YESTER-DAY, HE—
HE SAID I WAS BASICALLY HIS TYPE.
SO, LIKE...
I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT IT A TON.
AND I FIGURE IT'S TOTALLY FINE IF YOU DON'T LIKE ME OR WHATEVER.
I'M HAPPY BEING A USEFUL TOOL.
AND I DON'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS I COULD ACTUALLY TELL OR ANY-THING.
IF YOU NEED TO RANT ABOUT MISAKI, I'LL LISTEN 'TIL MY EARS BLEED.
I GUESS IT'S OKAY IF YOU JUST USE ME, LIKE A TOY.


AND...
...IT'S NOT LIKE MY PARENTS ARE COMING HOME TODAY EITHER, SO...
YOU WANNA COME OVER?
...YEAH.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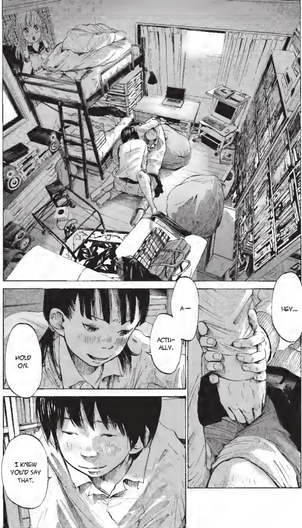
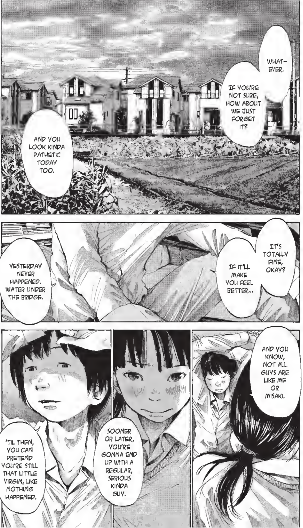
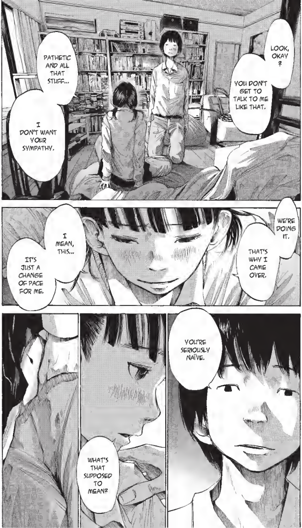
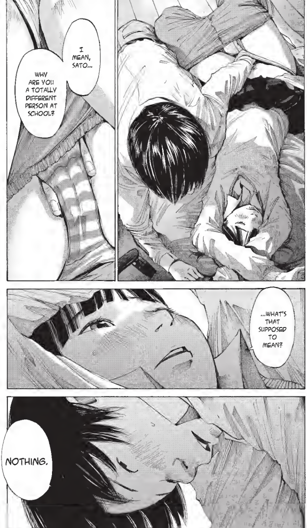
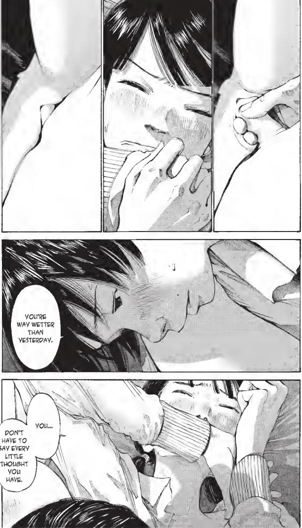

HEY...
A—
ACTUALLY.
HOLD ON.
I KNEW YOU'D SAY THAT.

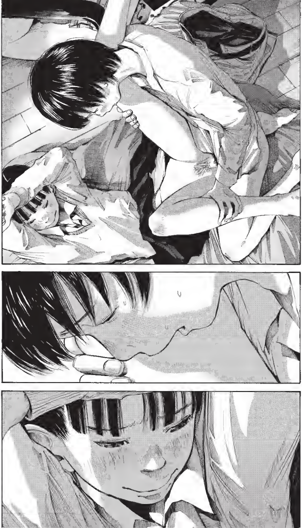

WHAT-EVER.
IF YOU'RE NOT SURE, HOW ABOUT WE JUST FORGET IT?
AND YOU LOOK KINDA PATHETIC TODAY TOO.
IT'S TOTALLY FINE, OKAY?
IF IT'LL MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER...
YESTERDAY NEVER HAPPENED. WATER UNDER THE BRIDGE.
AND YOU KNOW, NOT ALL GUYS ARE LIKE ME OR MISAKI.
SOONER OR LATER, YOU'RE GONNA END UP WITH A REGULAR, SERIOUS KINDA GUY.
'TIL THEN, YOU CAN PRETEND YOU'RE STILL THAT LITTLE VIRGIN, LIKE NOTHING HAPPENED.

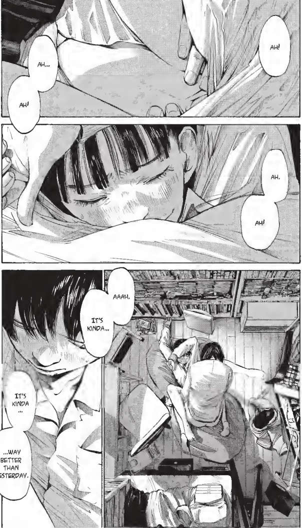

LOOK, OKAY?
YOU DON'T GET TO TALK TO ME LIKE THAT.
PATHETIC AND ALL THAT STUFF...
I DON'T WANT YOUR SYMPATHY.
WE'RE DOING IT.
THAT'S WHY I CAME OVER.
I MEAN, THIS...
IT'S JUST A CHANGE OF PACE FOR ME.
YOU'RE SERIOUSLY NAÏVE.
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?

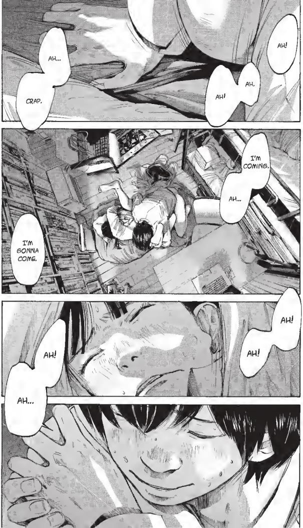

I MEAN, SATO...
WHY ARE YOU A TOTALLY DIFFERENT PERSON AT SCHOOL?
...WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
NOTHING.

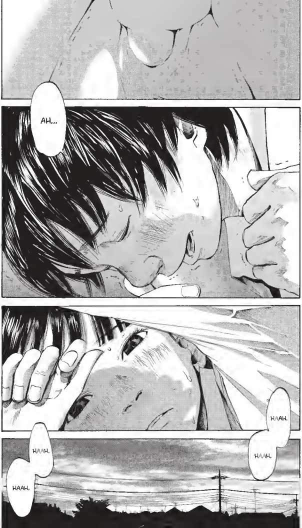
SPREAD...
YOUR LEGS MORE.

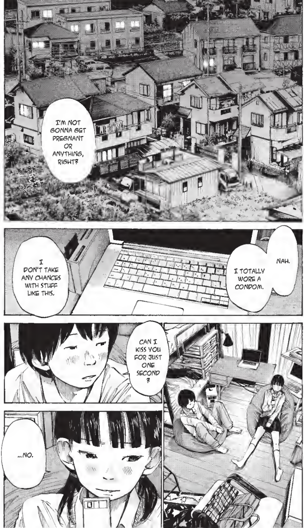

YOU'RE WAY WETTER THAN YESTERDAY.
YOU...
DON'T HAVE TO SAY EVERY LITTLE THOUGHT YOU HAVE.

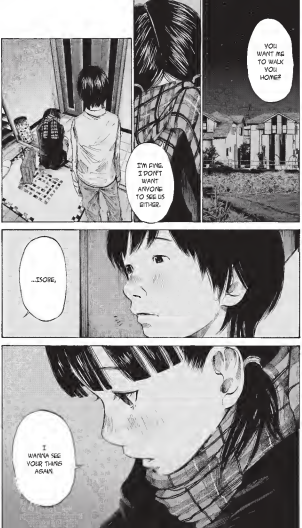


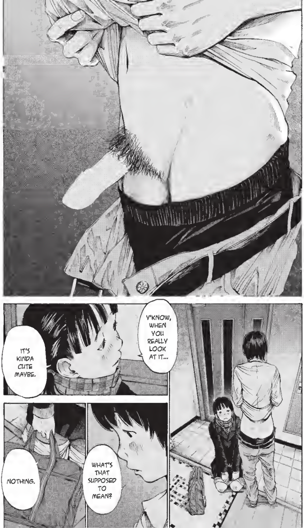

AH!
AH...
AH!
AH.
AH!
AAAH.
IT'S KINDA...
IT'S KINDA ...
...WAY BETTER THAN YESTERDAY.

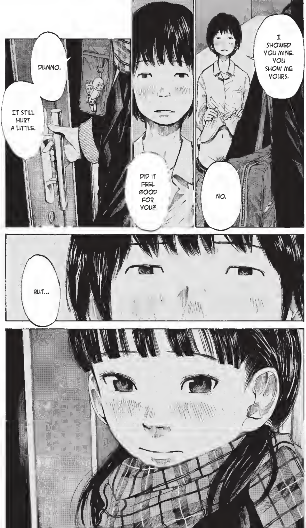

AH!
AH.
AH!
AH...
CRAP.
I'M COMING.
AH...
I'M GONNA COME.
AH!
AH!
AH!
AH...

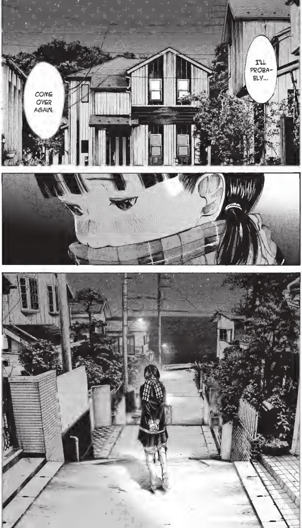

AH...
HAAH.
HAAH.
HAAH.
HAAH.


I'M NOT GONNA GET PREGNANT OR ANYTHING, RIGHT?
NAH.
I TOTALLY WORE A CONDOM.
I DON'T TAKE ANY CHANCES WITH STUFF LIKE THIS.
CAN I KISS YOU FOR JUST ONE SECOND?
...NO.

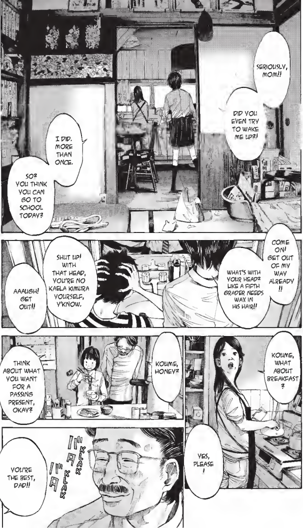

YOU WANT ME TO WALK YOU HOME?
I'M FINE. I DON'T WANT ANYONE TO SEE US EITHER.
...ISOBE,
I WANNA SEE YOUR THING AGAIN.

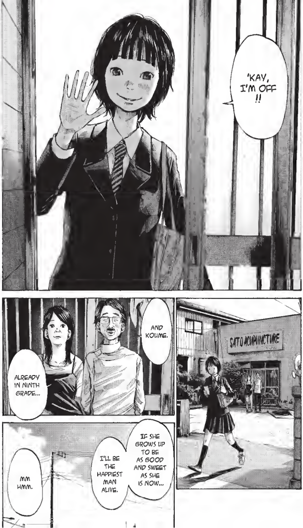

Y'KNOW, WHEN YOU REALLY LOOK AT IT...
IT'S KINDA CUTE MAYBE.
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
NOTHING.

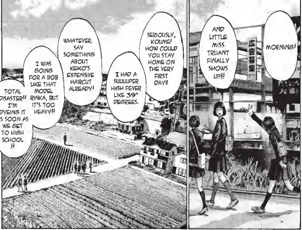

I SHOWED YOU MINE. YOU SHOW ME YOURS.
NO.
DID IT FEEL GOOD FOR YOU?
DUNNO.
IT STILL HURT A LITTLE.
BUT...


I'LL PROBABLY...
COME OVER AGAIN

A Girl on the Shore


SERIOUSLY, MOM!!
DID YOU EVEN TRY TO WAKE ME UP?!
I DID. MORE THAN ONCE.
SO? YOU THINK YOU CAN GO TO SCHOOL TODAY?
COME ON! GET OUT OF MY WAY ALREADY!!
WHAT'S WITH YOUR HEAD? LIKE A FIFTH GRADER NEEDS WAX IN HIS HAIR!!
SHUT UP! WITH THAT HEAD, YOU'RE NO KAELA KIMURA YOURSELF, Y'KNOW.
AAAUGH! GET OUT!!
KOUME, WHAT ABOUT BREAKFAST?
YES, PLEASE!
KOUME, HONEY?
THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU WANT FOR A PASSING PRESENT, OKAY?
バリ KLAK
バリ KLAK
YOU'RE THE BEST, DAD!!


'KAY, I'M OFF !!
SATO ACUPUNCTURE
AND KOUME.
ALREADY IN NINTH GRADE...
IF SHE GROWS UP TO BE AS GOOD AND SWEET AS SHE IS NOW...
I'LL BE THE HAPPIEST MAN ALIVE.
MM HMM.


MORNING!
AND LITTLE MISS TRUANT FINALLY SHOWS UP!!
広告募集
SERIOUSLY, KOUME! HOW COULD YOU STAY HOME ON THE VERY FIRST DAY?
I HAD A SUUUUPER HIGH FEVER LIKE 39° DEGREES.
WHATEVER. SAY SOMETHING ABOUT KEIKO'S EXPENSIVE HAIRCUT ALREADY!
I WAS GOING FOR A BOB LIKE THAT MODEL RINKA, BUT IT'S TOO HEAVY!!
TOTAL DISASTER!! I'M DYEING IT AS SOON AS WE GET TO HIGH SCHOOL!!

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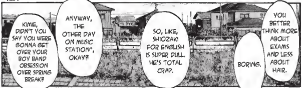
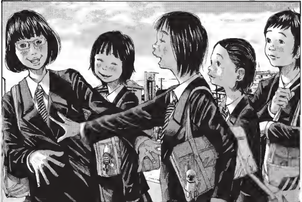
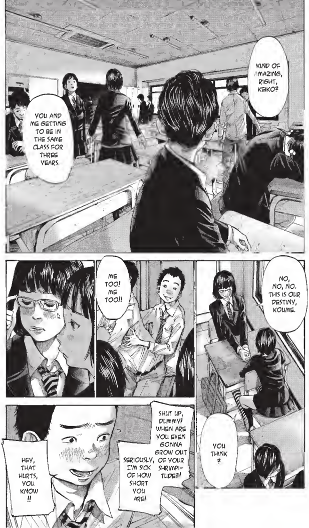
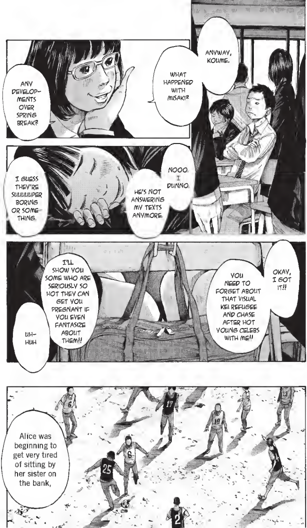
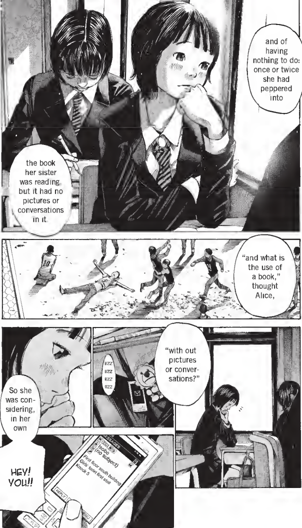

YOU BETTER THINK MORE ABOUT EXAMS AND LESS ABOUT HAIR.
BORING.
SO, LIKE, SHIOZAKI FOR ENGLISH IS SUPER DULL. HE'S TOTAL CRAP.
ANYWAY, THE OTHER DAY ON MUSIC STATION*, OKAY?
KIMIE, DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU WERE GONNA GET OVER YOUR BOY BAND OBSESSION OVER SPRING BREAK?

* Weekly music program on Asahi TV




KIND OF AMAZING, RIGHT, KEIKO?
YOU AND ME GETTING TO BE IN THE SAME CLASS FOR THREE YEARS.
NO, NO, NO. THIS IS OUR DESTINY, KOUME.
YOU THINK?
ME TOO! ME TOO!!
SHUT UP, DUMMY! WHEN ARE YOU EVEN GONNA GROW OUT OF YOUR SHRIMPITUDE?!
SERIOUSLY, I'M SICK OF HOW SHORT YOU ARE!
HEY, THAT HURTS, YOU KNOW!!


ANYWAY, KOUME.
WHAT HAPPENED WITH MISAKI?
ANY DEVELOPMENTS OVER SPRING BREAK?
NOOO. I DUNNO.
HE'S NOT ANSWERING MY TEXTS ANYMORE.
I GUESS THEY'RE SUUUUUPER BORING OR SOMETHING.
OKAY, I GOT IT!!
YOU NEED TO FORGET ABOUT THAT VISUAL KEI REFUGEE AND CHASE AFTER HOT YOUNG CELEBS WITH ME!!
I'LL SHOW YOU SOME WHO ARE SERIOUSLY SO HOT THEY CAN GET YOU PREGNANT IF YOU EVEN FANTASIZE ABOUT THEM!!
UH-HUH
Alice was beginning to get very tired of sitting by her sister on the bank,


and of having nothing to do: once or twice she had peppered into
the book her sister was reading, but it had no pictures or conversations in it.
"and what is the use of a book," thought Alice,
"with out pictures or conversations?"
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zzz
zzz
zzz
So she was considering, in her own
HEY! YOU!!
MESSAGES
REPLY
MENU

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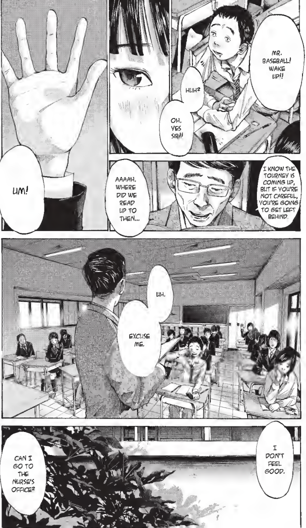
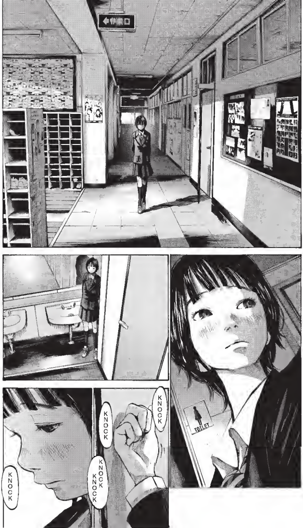
(no subject)
First floor south building
Girls' toilet first stall
Knock 5


MR. BASEBALL! WAKE UP!!
HUH?
OH. YES SIR!!
I KNOW THE TOURNEY IS COMING UP, BUT IF YOU'RE NOT CAREFUL, YOU'RE GOING TO GET LEFT BEHIND.
AAAAH. WHERE DID WE READ UP TO THEN...
UM!
UH.
EXCUSE ME.
I DON'T FEEL GOOD.
CAN I GO TO THE NURSE'S OFFICE?



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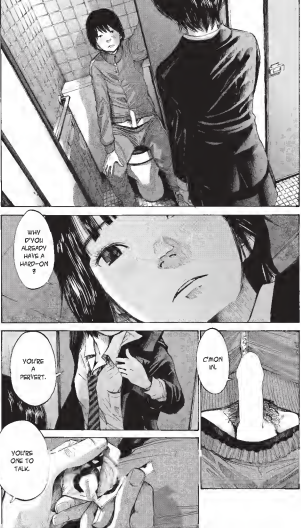
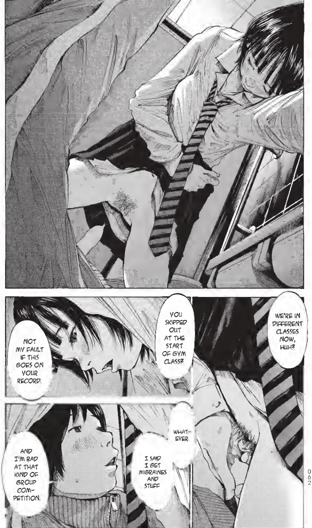
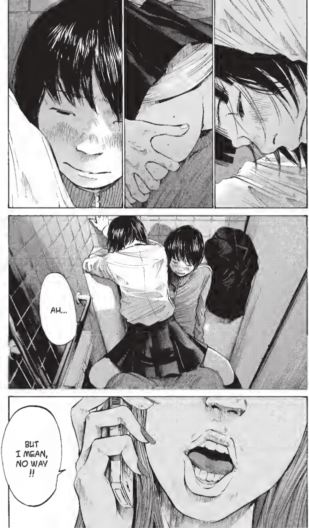
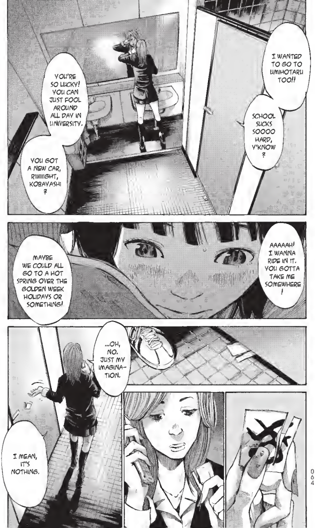
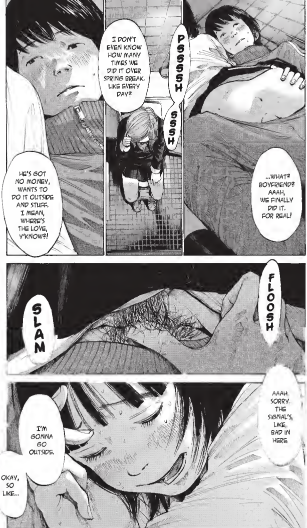
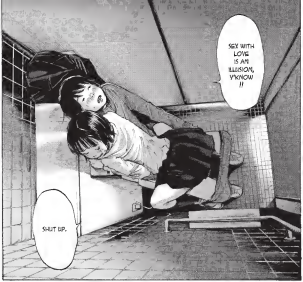

WHY D'YOU ALREADY HAVE A HARD-ON ?
C'MON IN.
YOU'RE A PERVERT.
YOU'RE ONE TO TALK.

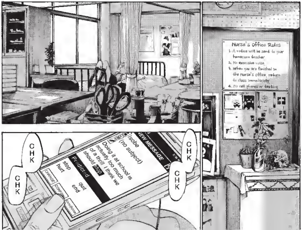

WE'RE IN DIFFERENT CLASSES NOW, HUH?
YOU SKIPPED OUT AT THE START OF GYM CLASS?
NOT MY FAULT IF THIS GOES ON YOUR RECORD.
WHATEVER.
I SAID I GET MIGRAINES AND STUFF
AND I'M BAD AT THAT KIND OF GROUP COMPETITION.


AH...
BUT I MEAN, NO WAY !!


I WANTED TO GO TO UMIHOTARU TOO!!
SCHOOL SUCKS SOOOO HARD, Y'KNOW?
YOU'RE SO LUCKY! YOU CAN JUST FOOL AROUND ALL DAY IN UNIVERSITY.
YOU GOT A NEW CAR, RIIIIIGHT, KOBAYASHI?
AAAAAH! I WANNA RIDE IN IT. YOU GOTTA TAKE ME SOMEWHERE!
MAYBE WE COULD ALL GO TO A HOT SPRING OVER THE GOLDEN WEEK HOLIDAYS OR SOMETHING!
...OH, NO. JUST MY IMAGINATION.
I MEAN, IT'S NOTHING.

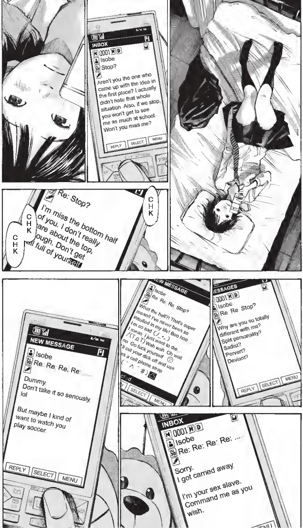

...WHAT? BOYFRIEND? AAAH, WE FINALLY DID IT. FOR REAL!
PSSSSH
SSSH
I DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW MANY TIMES WE DID IT OVER SPRING BREAK. LIKE EVERY DAY?
HE'S GOT NO MONEY, WANTS TO DO IT OUTSIDE AND STUFF. I MEAN, WHERE'S THE LOVE, Y'KNOW?!
FLOOSH
SLAM
AAAH. SORRY. THE SIGNAL'S LIKE BAD IN HERE.
I'M GONNA GO OUTSIDE.
OKAY, SO LIKE...


SEX WITH LOVE IS AN ILLUSION, Y'KNOW !!
SHUT UP.


Nurse's Office Rules
1. A notice will be sent to your homeroom teacher
2. No excessive noise
3. When you are finished in the Nurse's office, return to class immediately
4. No cell phones or texting

NEW MESSAGE
Isobe
(no subject)
Doing it at school is actually too much of a thrill. I think we should stop

CHK
CHK
CHK
CHK
Predicted
stop
hurt
quit
end
CHANGE
CONFIRM
SHOWN



Isobe
Stop?
Aren't you the one who came up with the idea in the first place? I actually didn't hate that whole situation. Also, if we stop, you won't get to see me as much at school. Won't you miss me?

Re: Stop?
I'm miss the bottom half of you. I don't really are about the top, ough. Don't get ll full of yourself.

Isobe
Re Re Stop?
Why are you so totally different with me? Split personality? Sadist? Pervert? Deviant?

Isobe
Re Re Re Stop?
What the hell?! That's super mean!! I've never been so insulted in my life! Boo hoo I'm so sad (╯_•。) I mean, I just want to die. /(T Д T) Wah wah Oh wait no Go fuck yourself ☹ ll cut your dick off and use s a cell phone strap (` ^ ´ #)

Isobe
Re. Re. Re. Re
Dummy. Don't take it so seriously. lol

But maybe I kind of want to watch you play soccer.

Isobe
Re: Re: Re: Re: ...
Sorry. I got carried away

I'm your sex slave. Command me as you wish.

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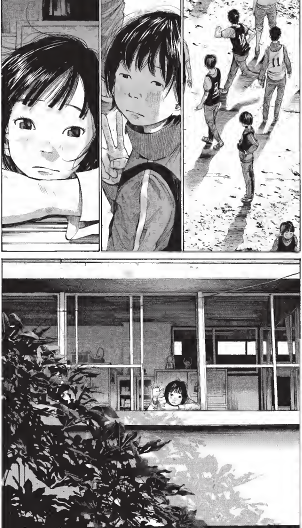
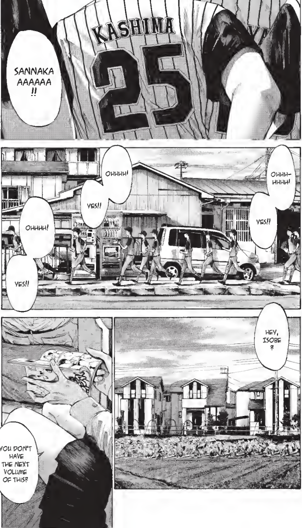
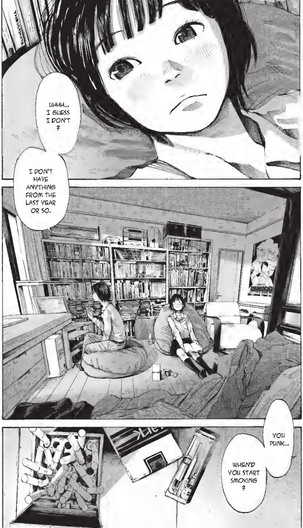
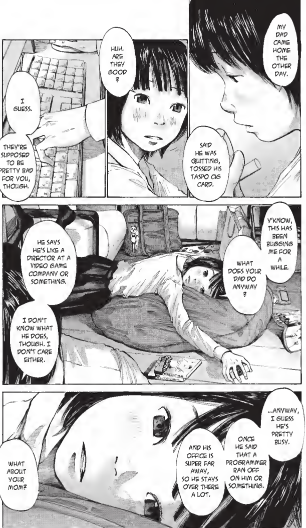
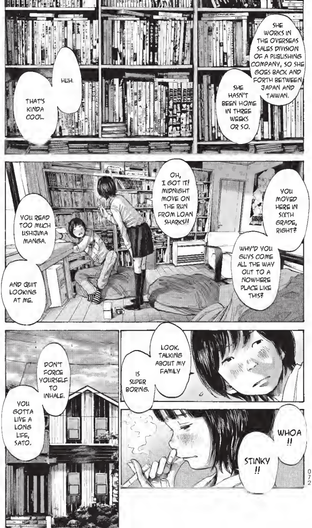
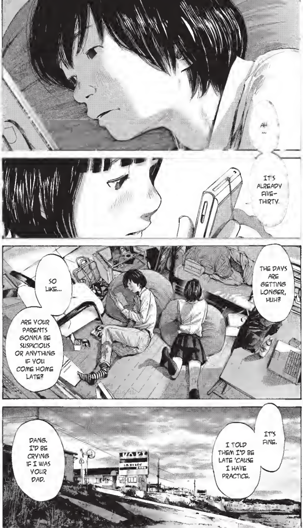


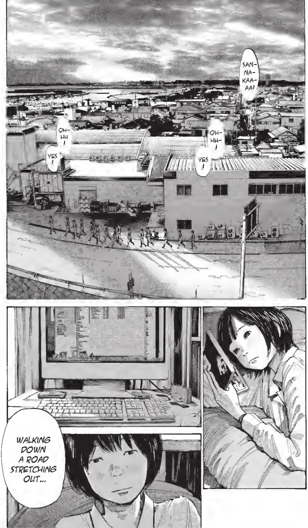

KASHIMA
25
SANNAKA AAAAAA !!
OHHH-HHHH!
YES!!
OHHHH!
YES!!
OHHHH!
YES!!
HEY, ISOBE?
YOU DON'T HAVE THE NEXT VOLUME OF THIS?

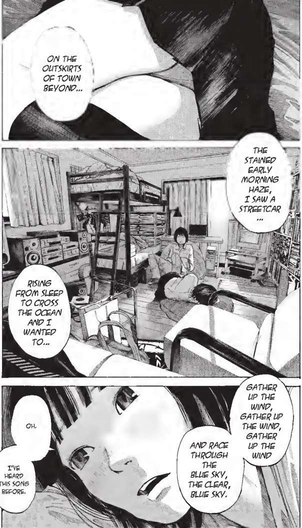

UHHH... I GUESS I DON'T ?
I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING FROM THE LAST YEAR OR SO.
YOU PUNK...
WHEN'D YOU START SMOKING ?

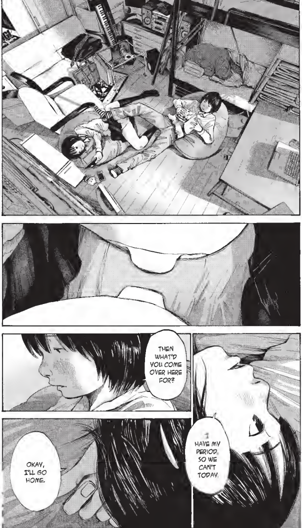

MY DAD CAME HOME THE OTHER DAY.
SAID HE WAS QUITTING, TOSSED HIS TASPO CIG CARD.
HUH. ARE THEY GOOD?
I GUESS.
THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE PRETTY BAD FOR YOU, THOUGH.
Y'KNOW, THIS HAS BEEN BUGGING ME FOR A WHILE.
WHAT DOES YOUR DAD DO ANYWAY?
HE SAYS HE'S LIKE A DIRECTOR AT A VIDEO GAME COMPANY OR SOMETHING.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE DOES, THOUGH. I DON'T CARE EITHER.
...ANYWAY, I GUESS HE'S PRETTY BUSY.
ONCE HE SAID THAT A PROGRAMMER RAN OFF ON HIM OR SOMETHING.
AND HIS OFFICE IS SUPER FAR AWAY, SO HE STAYS OVER THERE A LOT.
WHAT ABOUT YOUR MOM?

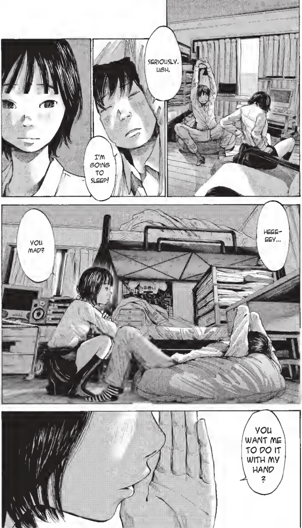

SHE WORKS IN THE OVERSEAS SALES DIVISION OF A PUBLISHING COMPANY, SO SHE GOES BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN JAPAN AND TAIWAN.
SHE HASN'T BEEN HOME IN THREE WEEKS OR SO.
HUH.
THAT'S KINDA COOL.
YOU MOVED HERE IN SIXTH GRADE, RIGHT?
WHY'D YOU GUYS COME ALL THE WAY OUT TO A NOWHERE PLACE LIKE THIS?
OH, I GOT IT! MIDNIGHT MOVE ON THE RUN FROM LOAN SHARKS!!
YOU READ TOO MUCH USHIJIMA MANGA.
AND QUIT LOOKING AT ME.
LOOK. TALKING ABOUT MY FAMILY
IS SUPER BORING.
WHOA!!
STINKY!!
DON'T FORCE YOURSELF TO INHALE.
YOU GOTTA LIVE A LONG LIFE, SATO.

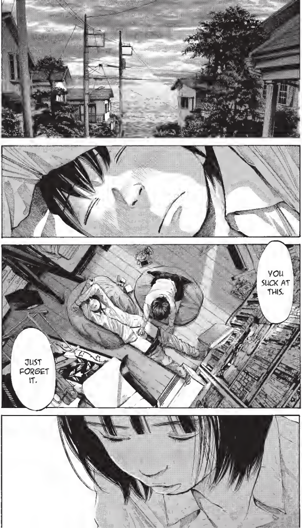

AH ...
IT'S ALREADY FIVE-THIRTY.
THE DAYS ARE GETTING LONGER, HUH?
SO LIKE...
ARE YOUR PARENTS GONNA BE SUSPICIOUS OR ANYTHING IF YOU COME HOME LATE?
IT'S FINE.
I TOLD THEM I'D BE LATE 'CAUSE I HAVE PRACTICE.
DANG. I'D BE CRYING IF I WAS YOUR DAD.

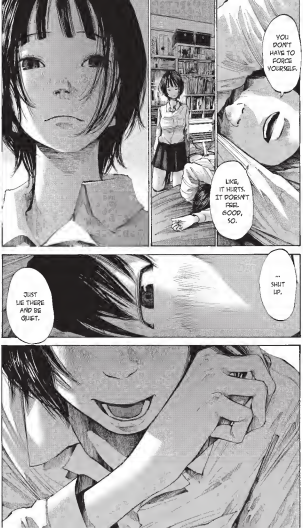

SAN-NA-KAA-AA!
OH-HH!
YES!
OH-HH!
YES!
WALKING DOWN A ROAD STRETCHING OUT...

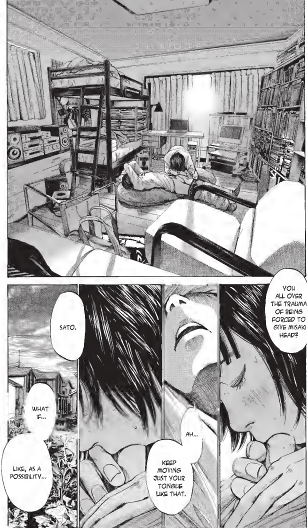

ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN BEYOND...
THE STAINED EARLY MORNING HAZE, I SAW A STREETCAR ...
RISING FROM SLEEP TO CROSS THE OCEAN AND I WANTED TO...
GATHER UP THE WIND, GATHER UP THE WIND, GATHER UP THE WIND
AND RACE THROUGH THE BLUE SKY, THE CLEAR, BLUE SKY.
OH.
I'VE HEARD THIS SONG BEFORE.

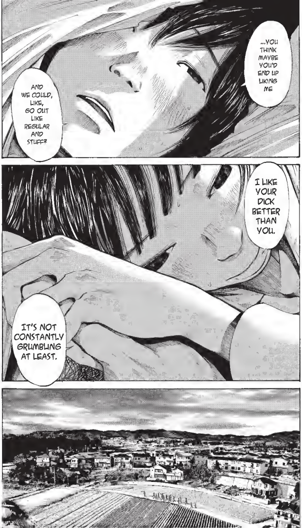

THEN WHAT'D YOU COME OVER HERE FOR?
I HAVE MY PERIOD, SO WE CAN'T TODAY.
OKAY, I'LL GO HOME.

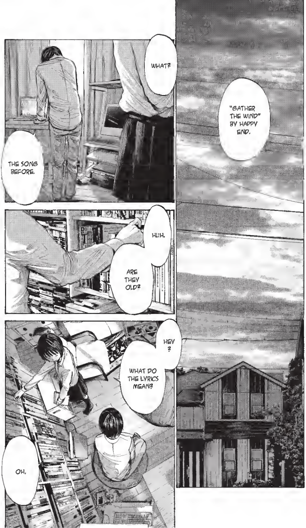

SERIOUSLY. UGH.
I'M GOING TO SLEEP!
HEEEEEY...
YOU MAD?
YOU WANT ME TO DO IT WITH MY HAND?

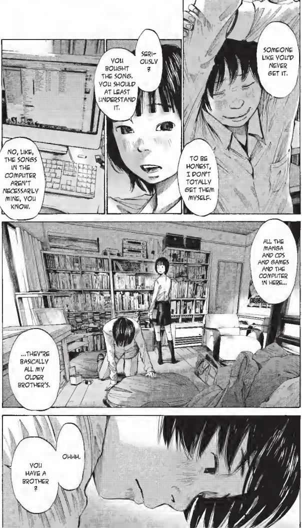

YOU SUCK AT THIS.
JUST FORGET IT.

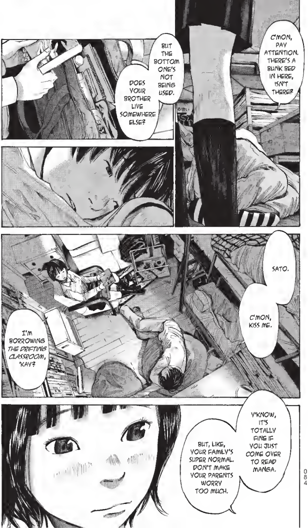

YOU DON'T HAVE TO FORCE YOURSELF.
LIKE, IT HURTS. IT DOESN'T FEEL GOOD, SO.
... SHUT UP.
JUST LIE THERE AND BE QUIET.

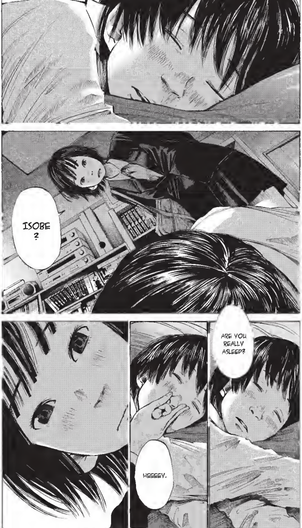

YOU ALL OVER THE TRAUMA OF BEING FORCED TO GIVE MISAKI HEAD?
SATO.
AH...
KEEP MOVING JUST YOUR TONGUE LIKE THAT.
WHAT IF...
LIKE, AS A POSSIBILITY...

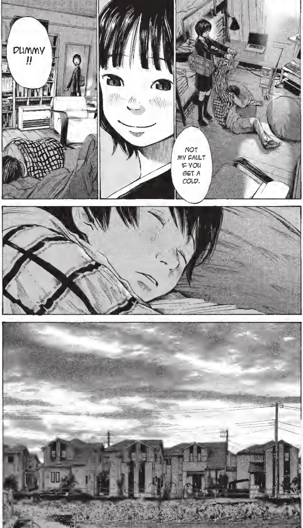

...YOU THINK MAYBE YOU'D END UP LIKING ME
AND WE COULD, LIKE, GO OUT LIKE REGULAR AND STUFF?
I LIKE YOUR DICK BETTER THAN YOU.
IT'S NOT CONSTANTLY GRUMBLING AT LEAST.


WHAT?
THE SONG BEFORE.
"GATHER THE WIND" BY HAPPY END.
HUH.
ARE THEY OLD?
HEY?
WHAT DO THE LYRICS MEAN?
OH.


SOMEONE LIKE YOU'D NEVER GET IT.
SERI-OUSLY?
YOU BOUGHT THE SONG. YOU SHOULD AT LEAST UNDERSTAND IT.
TO BE HONEST, I DON'T TOTALLY GET THEM MYSELF.
NO, LIKE, THE SONGS IN THE COMPUTER AREN'T NECESSARILY MINE, YOU KNOW.
ALL THE MANGA AND CDS AND GAMES AND THE COMPUTER IN HERE...
...THEY'RE BASICALLY ALL MY OLDER BROTHER'S.
OHHH.
YOU HAVE A BROTHER?


C'MON, PAY ATTENTION. THERE'S A BUNK BED IN HERE, ISN'T THERE?
BUT THE BOTTOM ONE'S NOT BEING USED.
DOES YOUR BROTHER LIVE SOMEWHERE ELSE?
SATO.
C'MON, KISS ME.
I'M BORROWING *THE DRIFTING CLASSROOM*, 'KAY?
Y'KNOW, IT'S TOTALLY FINE IF YOU JUST COME OVER TO READ MANGA.
BUT, LIKE, YOUR FAMILY'S SUPER NORMAL. DON'T MAKE YOUR PARENTS WORRY TOO MUCH.


ISOBE?
ARE YOU REALLY ASLEEP?
HEEEEY.


NOT MY FAULT IF YOU GET A COLD.
DUMMY !!

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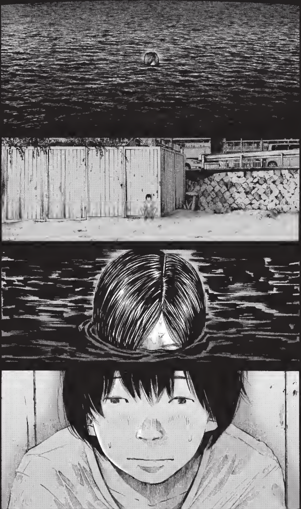
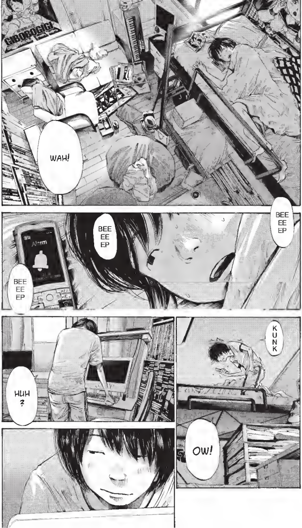
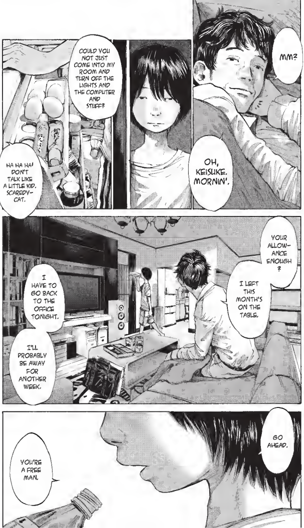
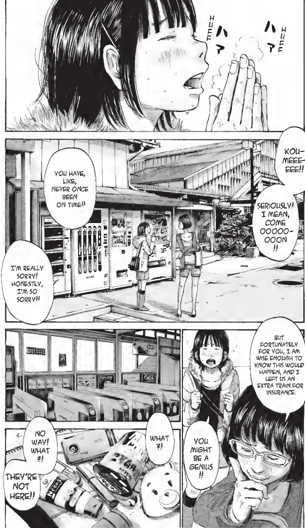



GIBOBOGICI
WAH!
BEE EE EP
BEE EE EP
Alarm
BEE EE EP
KUNK
OW!
HUH ?


MM?
OH, KEISUKE. MORNIN'.
COULD YOU NOT JUST COME INTO MY ROOM AND TURN OFF THE LIGHTS AND THE COMPUTER AND STUFF?
HA HA HA! DON'T TALK LIKE A LITTLE KID, SCAREDY-CAT.
YOUR ALLOWANCE ENOUGH?
I LEFT THIS MONTH'S ON THE TABLE.
I HAVE TO GO BACK TO THE OFFICE TONIGHT.
I'LL PROBABLY BE AWAY FOR ANOTHER WEEK.
GO AHEAD.
YOU'RE A FREE MAN.


HUFF
ハァ
HUFF
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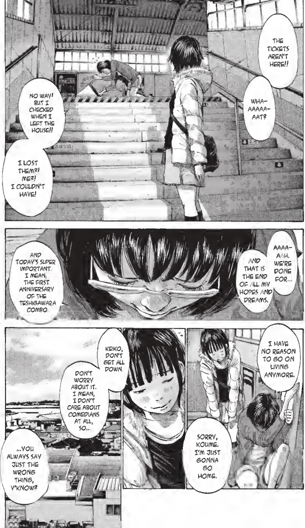
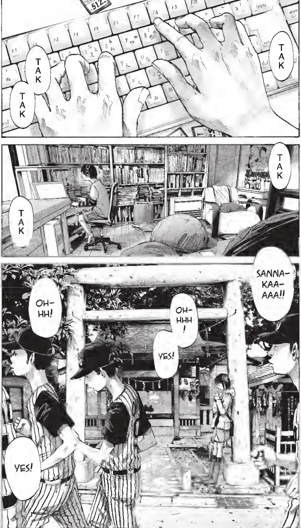
KOU-MEEE-EEE!!
SERIOUSLY! I MEAN, COME OOOOO-OOON!!
YOU HAVE, LIKE, NEVER ONCE BEEN ON TIME!!
I'M REALLY SORRY! HONESTLY, I'M SO SORRY!!
BUT FORTUNATELY FOR YOU, I AM WISE ENOUGH TO KNOW THIS WOULD HAPPEN, AND I LEFT US AN EXTRA TRAIN FOR INSURANCE.
YOU MIGHT BE A GENIUS!!
WHAT?!
NO WAY! WHAT?!
THEY'RE NOT HERE!!


THE TICKETS AREN'T HERE!!
WHA-AAAAA-AAT?
NO WAY! BUT I CHECKED WHEN I LEFT THE HOUSE!!
I LOST THEM?! ME?! I COULDN'T HAVE!
AAAA-AAH. WE'RE DONE FOR...
AND THAT IS THE END OF ALL MY HOPES AND DREAMS.
AND TODAY'S SUPER IMPORTANT. I MEAN, THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE TESHIGAWARA COMBO
I HAVE NO REASON TO GO ON LIVING ANYMORE.
SORRY, KOUME, I'M JUST GONNA GO HOME.
KEIKO, DON'T GET ALL DOWN.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. I MEAN, I DON'T CARE ABOUT COMEDIANS AT ALL, SO...
...YOU ALWAYS SAY JUST THE WRONG THING, Y'KNOW?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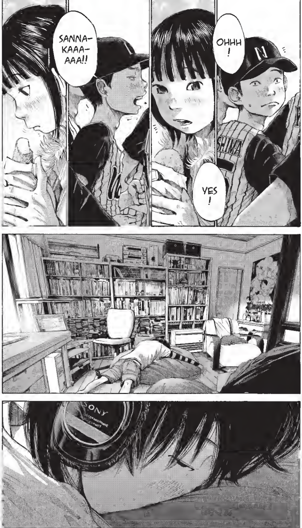
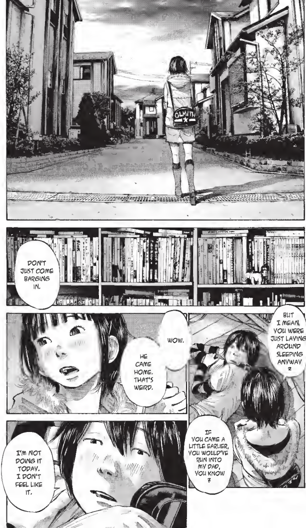
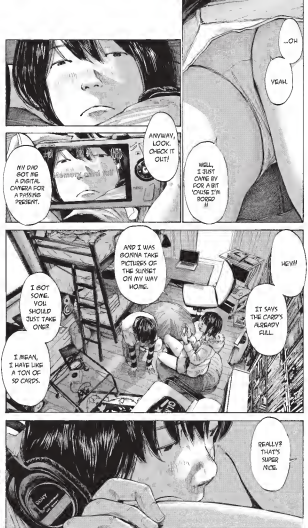
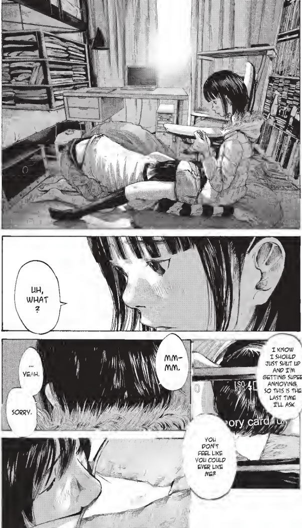
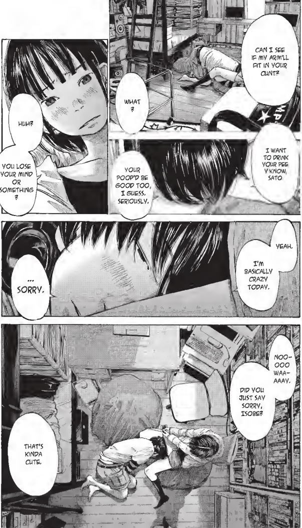
TAK
TAK
TAK
TAK
SANNA-KAA-AAA!!
OH-HHH!
YES!
OH-HH!
YES!

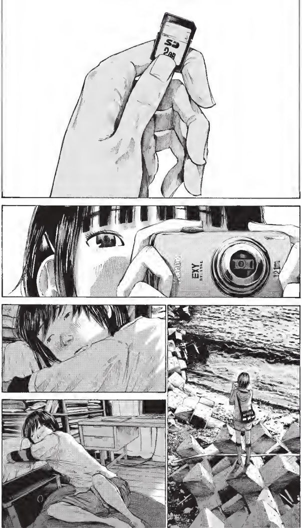

OHHH!
YES!
SANNA-KAAA-AAA!!
SONY

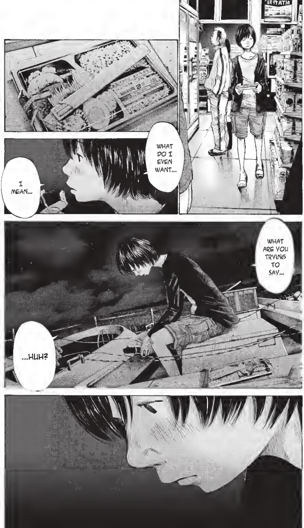

DON'T JUST COME BARGING IN.
BUT I MEAN, YOU WERE JUST LAYING AROUND SLEEPING ANYWAY?
WOW.
HE CAME HOME. THAT'S WEIRD.
IF YOU CAME A LITTLE EARLIER, YOU WOULD'VE RUN INTO MY DAD, YOU KNOW?
I'M NOT DOING IT TODAY. I DON'T FEEL LIKE IT.

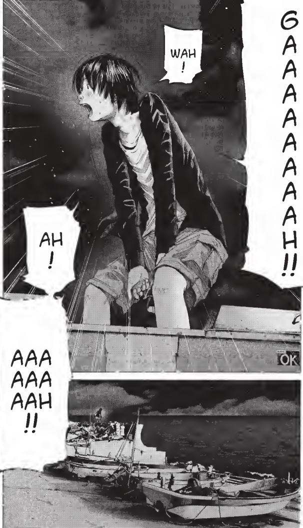

...OH
YEAH.
WELL, I JUST CAME BY FOR A BIT 'CAUSE I'M BORED !!
ANYWAY, LOOK. CHECK IT OUT!
MY DAD GOT ME A DIGITAL CAMERA FOR A PASSING PRESENT.
Memory card full
MENU
HEY!!
IT SAYS THE CARD'S ALREADY FULL.
AND I WAS GONNA TAKE PICTURES OF THE SUNSET ON MY WAY HOME.
I GOT SOME. YOU SHOULD JUST TAKE ONE?
I MEAN, I HAVE LIKE A TON OF SD CARDS.
REALLY? THAT'S SUPER NICE.
SONY

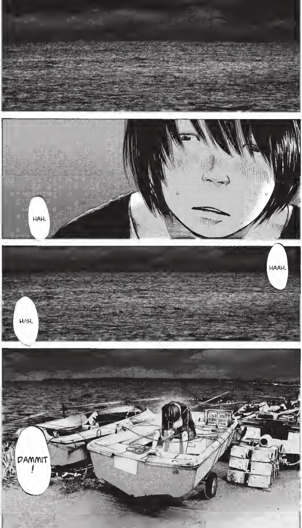

UH, WHAT ?
I KNOW I SHOULD JUST SHUT UP AND I'M GETTING SUPER ANNOYING, SO THIS IS THE LAST TIME I'LL ASK
ISO
ory card full
YOU DON'T FEEL LIKE YOU COULD EVER LIKE ME?
MM-MM.
... YEAH.
SORRY.

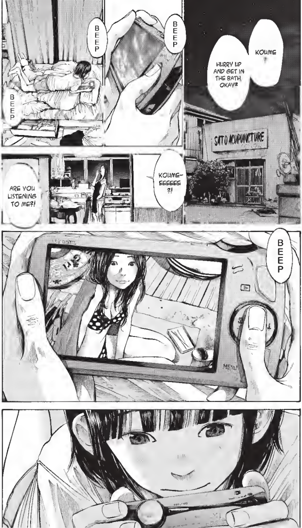

CAN I SEE IF MY ARM'LL FIT IN YOUR CUNT?
WHAP
WHAT?
I WANT TO DRINK YOUR PEE Y'KNOW, SATO
YOUR POOP'D BE GOOD TOO, I GUESS. SERIOUSLY.
HUH?
YOU LOSE YOUR MIND OR SOMETHING?
YEAH.
I'M BASICALLY CRAZY TODAY.
... SORRY.
NOO-OOO WAA-AAAY.
DID YOU JUST SAY SORRY, ISOBE?
THAT'S KINDA CUTE.

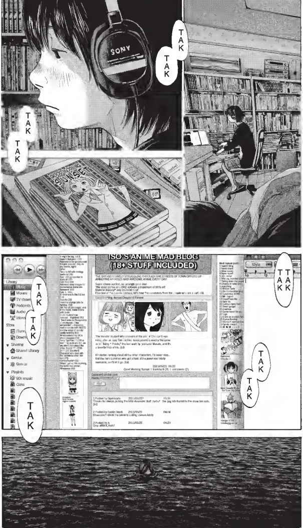

SD
2GB
EXY

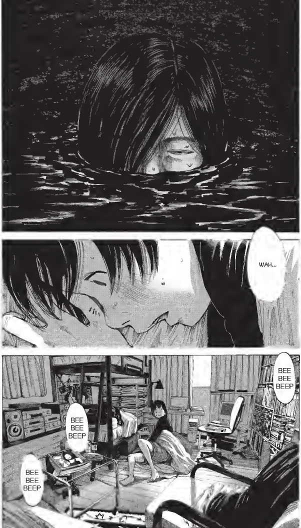

WHAT DO I EVEN WANT...
I MEAN...
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY...
...HUH?

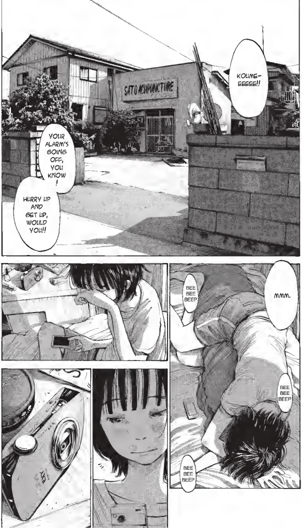

GAAAAAAAAAAH!!
WAH!
AH!
AAAAAAAAH!!

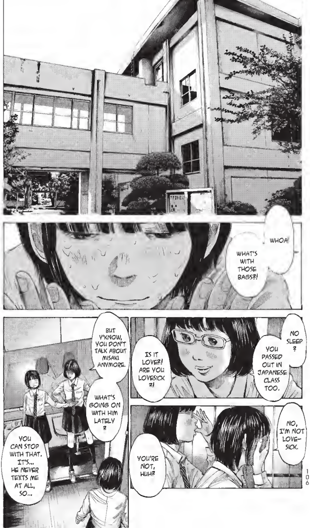

HAH.
HAAH.
HAH.
DAMMIT !

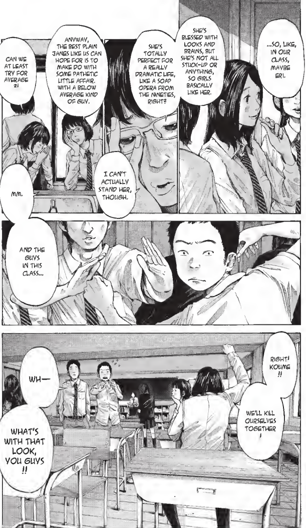

KOUME?
HURRY UP AND GET IN THE BATH OKAY?
SATO ACUPUNCTURE
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
KOUME-EEEEEE?!
ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?!
BEEP

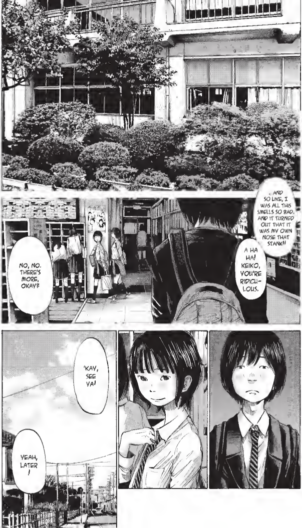

SONY
TAK
TAK
TAK
TAK
GOOD MORNING SUNSET
ISO'S ANIME MAD BLOG
(18+ STUFF INCLUDED)
THE SHY ISO BRAVELY STRUGGLING THROUGH THE STREETS OF TOWN OFFERS UP ANNOYING ARTICLES AND AWESOME ANIME EVERY DAY!
TAK
TAK
TAK
TAK
TAK
TAK
TAK

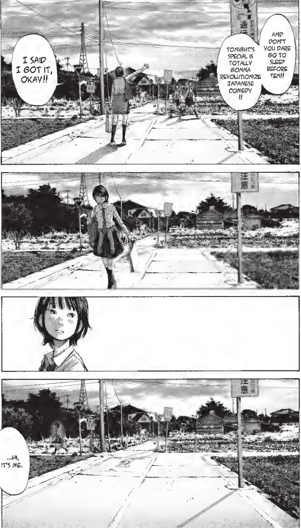

WAH...
BEE
BEE
BEEP
BEE
BEE
BEEP
BEE
BEE
BEEP

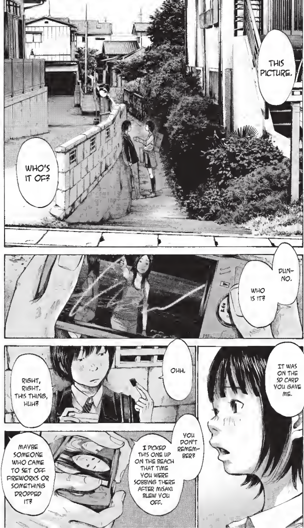

SATO ACUPUNCTURE
KOUME-EEEEE!!
YOUR ALARM'S GOING OFF, YOU KNOW!
HURRY UP AND GET UP, WOULD YOU!!
MMM.
BEE BEE BEEP
BEE BEE BEEP
BEE BEE BEEP

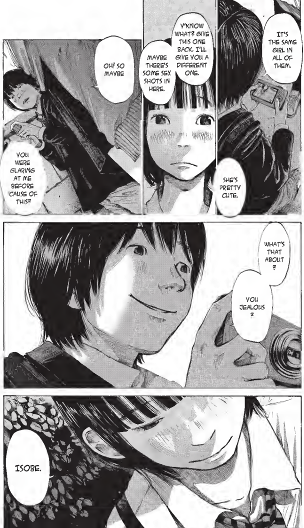

WHOA
WHAT'S WITH THOSE BAGS?!
NO SLEEP?
YOU PASSED OUT IN JAPANESE CLASS TOO.
IS IT LOVE?! ARE YOU LOVESICK?!
NO, I'M NOT LOVESICK.
YOU'RE NOT, HUH?
BUT Y'KNOW, YOU DON'T TALK ABOUT MISAKI ANYMORE.
WHAT'S GOING ON WITH HIM LATELY?
YOU CAN STOP WITH THAT. IT'S... HE NEVER TEXTS ME AT ALL, SO...

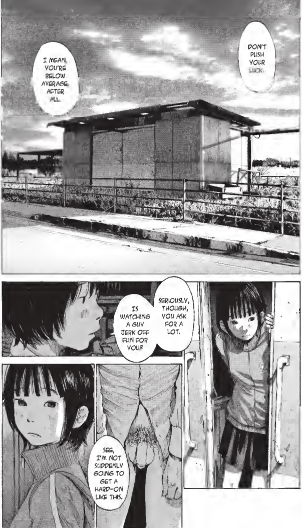

...SO, LIKE, IN OUR CLASS, MAYBE ERI.
SHE'S BLESSED WITH LOOKS AND BRAINS, BUT SHE'S NOT ALL STUCK-UP OR ANYTHING, SO GIRLS BASICALLY LIKE HER.
SHE'S TOTALLY PERFECT FOR A REALLY DRAMATIC LIFE, LIKE A SOAP OPERA FROM THE NINETIES, RIGHT?
I CAN'T ACTUALLY STAND HER, THOUGH.
ANYWAY, THE BEST PLAIN JANES LIKE US CAN HOPE FOR IS TO MAKE DO WITH SOME PATHETIC LITTLE AFFAIR. WITH A BELOW AVERAGE KIND OF GUY.
CAN WE AT LEAST TRY FOR AVERAGE ?!
MM.
AND THE GUYS IN THIS CLASS...
RIGHT! KOUME !!
WE'LL KILL OURSELVES TOGETHER !
WH—
WHAT'S WITH THAT LOOK, YOU GUYS !!

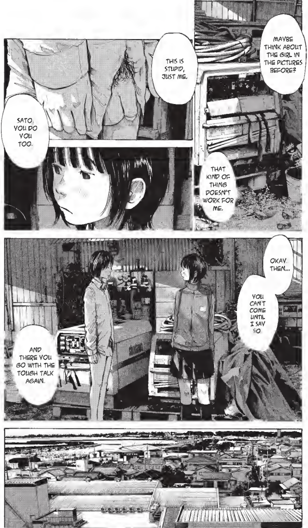

...AND SO LIKE, I WAS ALL THIS SMELLS SO BAD. AND IT TURNED OUT THAT IT WAS MY OWN NOSE THAT STANK!!
A HA HA! KEIKO, YOU'RE RIDICU-LOUS.
NO, NO. THERE'S MORE, OKAY?
'KAY, SEE YA!
YEAH, LATER!

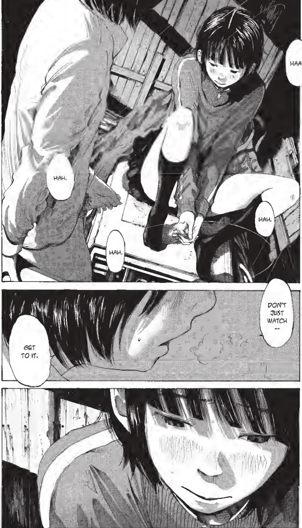

TONIGHT'S SPECIAL IS TOTALLY GONNA REVOLUTIONIZE JAPANESE COMEDY!!
AND DON'T YOU DARE GO TO SLEEP BEFORE TEN!!
I SAID I GOT IT, OKAY!!
注意
注意
...HI, IT'S ME.

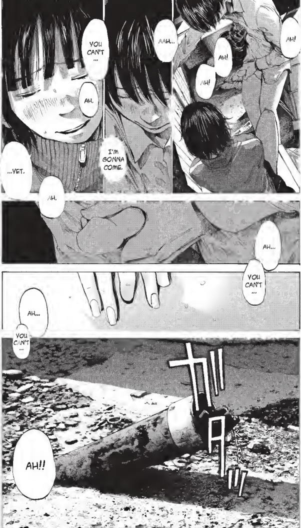

THIS PICTURE.
WHO'S IT OF?
DUN-NO.
WHO IS IT?
IT WAS ON THE SD CARD YOU GAVE ME.
OHH.
RIGHT, RIGHT. THIS THING, HUH?
YOU DON'T REMEMBER?
I PICKED THIS ONE UP ON THE BEACH THAT TIME YOU WERE SOBBING THERE AFTER MISAKI BLEW YOU OFF.
MAYBE SOMEONE WHO CAME TO SET OFF FIREWORKS OR SOMETHING DROPPED IT?

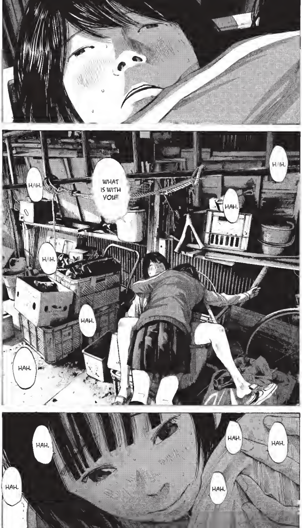

IT'S THE SAME GIRL IN ALL OF THEM.
SHE'S PRETTY CUTE.
Y'KNOW WHAT? GIVE THIS ONE BACK. I'LL GIVE YOU A DIFFERENT ONE.
MAYBE THERE'S SOME SEX SHOTS IN HERE.
OH! SO MAYBE
YOU WERE GLARING AT ME BEFORE CAUSE OF THIS?
WHAT'S THAT ABOUT?
YOU JEALOUS?
ISOBE.


DON'T PUSH YOUR LUCK.
I MEAN, YOU'RE BELOW AVERAGE AFTER ALL.
SERIOUSLY, THOUGH, YOU ASK FOR A LOT.
IS WATCHING A GUY JERK OFF FUN FOR YOU?
SEE, I'M NOT SUDDENLY GOING TO GET A HARD-ON LIKE THIS.


MAYBE THINK ABOUT THE GIRL IN THE PICTURES BEFORE?
THIS IS STUPID, JUST ME.
SATO, YOU DO YOU TOO.
THAT KIND OF THING DOESN'T WORK FOR ME.
OKAY. THEN...
YOU CAN'T COME UNTIL I SAY SO
AND THERE YOU GO WITH THE TOUGH TALK AGAIN.


HAAAH.
HAH.
HAH.
HAH.
DON'T JUST WATCH ...
GET TO IT.


AH!
AH!
AH!
AAH...
I'M GONNA COME.
YOU CAN'T ...
AH.
...YET.
AH.
AH...
YOU CAN'T ...
AH...
YOU CAN'T ...
KLAK
AH!!


HAH.
HAH.
WHAT IS WITH YOU
HAH.
HAH.
HAH.
HAH.
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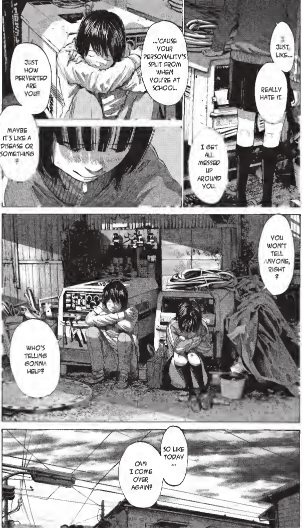
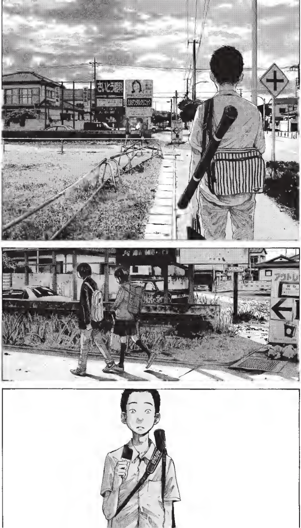
HAH.


I JUST LIKE...
REALLY HATE IT
I GET ALL MESSED UP AROUND YOU.
...'CAUSE YOUR PERSONALITY'S SPLIT FROM WHEN YOU'RE AT SCHOOL.
JUST HOW PERVERTED ARE YOU!?
MAYBE IT'S LIKE A DISEASE OR SOMETHING!?
YOU WON'T TELL ANYONE, RIGHT?
WHO'S TELLING GONNA HELP?
SO LIKE TODAY...
CAN I COME OVER AGAIN?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Girl
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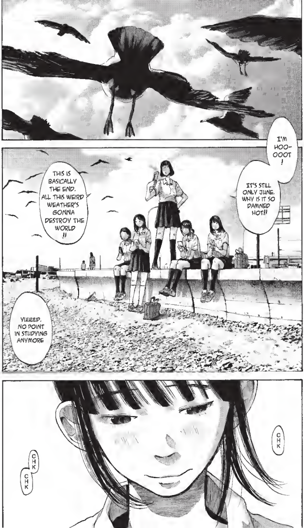
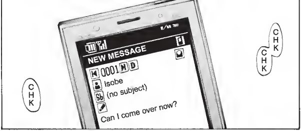

I'M HOO-OOOT!
IT'S STILL ONLY JUNE. WHY IS IT SO DAMNED HOT!!
THIS IS BASICALLY THE END. ALL THIS WEIRD WEATHER'S GONNA DESTROY THE WORLD!!
YUUUUP. NO POINT IN STUDYING ANYMORE
CHK
CHK
CHK



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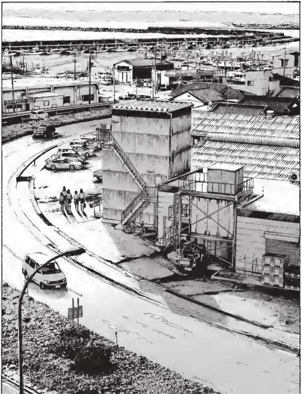
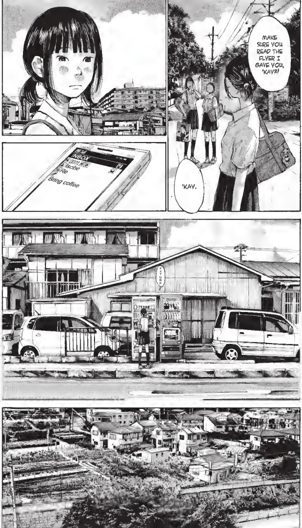
Can I come over now?




MAKE SURE YOU READ THE FLYER I GAVE YOU, 'KAYZ!
'KAY.
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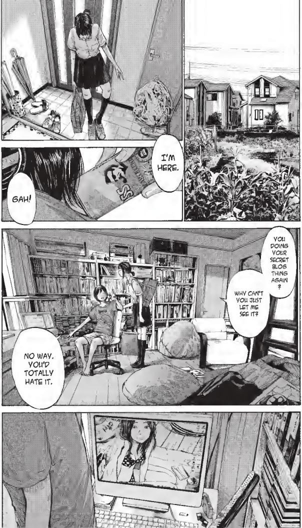
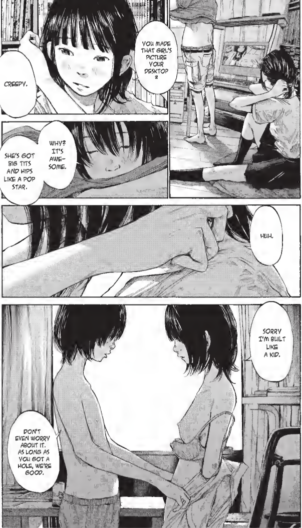
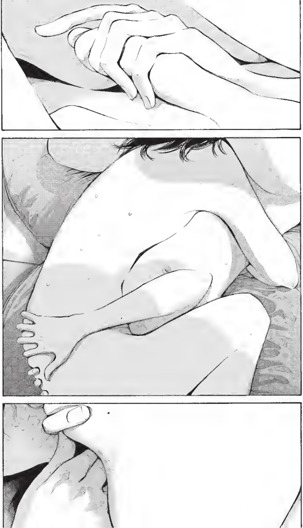
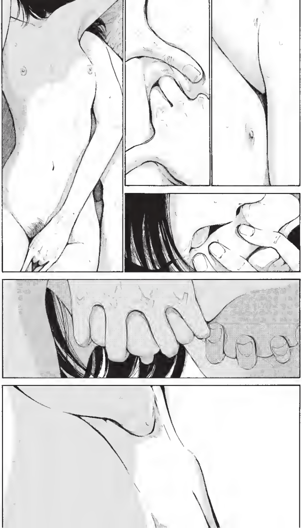
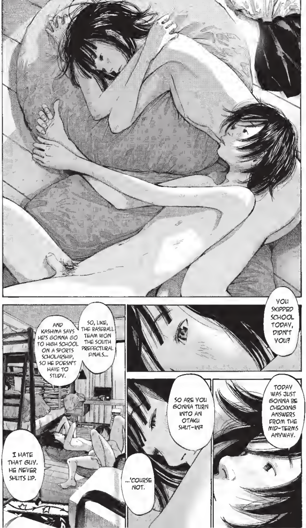
Re
Bring coffee
KATUNK

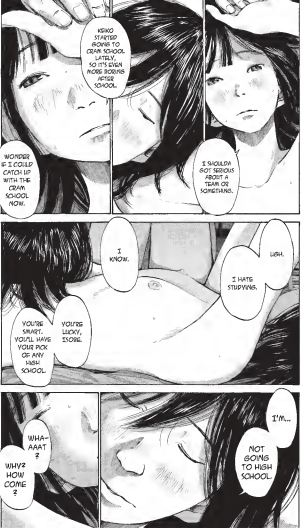

I'M HERE.
GAH!
YOU DOING YOUR SECRET BLOG THING AGAIN?
WHY CAN'T YOU JUST LET ME SEE IT?
NO WAY. YOU'D TOTALLY HATE IT.

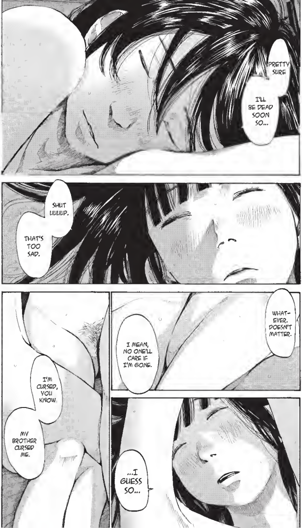

YOU MADE THAT GIRL'S PICTURE YOUR DESKTOP?
CREEPY.
WHY? IT'S AWESOME.
SHE'S GOT BIG TITS AND HIPS LIKE A POP STAR.
HUH.
SORRY I'M BUILT LIKE A KID.
DON'T EVEN WORRY ABOUT IT. AS LONG AS YOU GOT A HOLE, WE'RE GOOD.

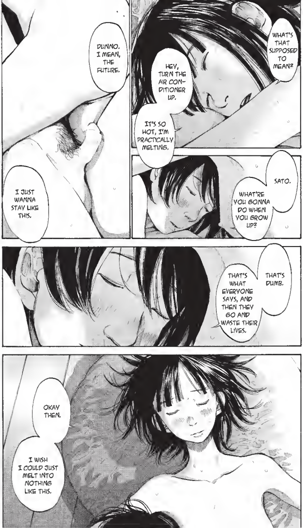


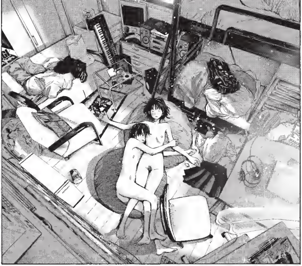


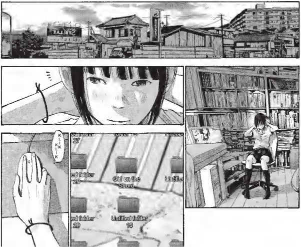

YOU SKIPPED SCHOOL TODAY, DIDN'T YOU?
TODAY WAS JUST GONNA BE CHECKING ANSWERS FROM THE MID-TERMS ANYWAY.
SO ARE YOU GONNA TURN INTO AN OTAKU SHUT-IN?
...'COURSE NOT.
SO, LIKE, THE BASEBALL TEAM WON THE SOUTH PREFECTURAL FINALS...
AND KASHIMA SAYS HE'S GONNA GO TO HIGH SCHOOL ON A SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP, SO HE DOESN'T HAVE TO STUDY.
I HATE THAT GUY. HE NEVER SHUTS UP.


KEIKO STARTED GOING TO CRAM SCHOOL LATELY, SO IT'S EVEN MORE BORING AFTER SCHOOL.
I SHOULDA GOT SERIOUS ABOUT A TEAM OR SOMETHING.
WONDER IF I COULD CATCH UP WITH THE CRAM SCHOOL NOW.
UGH.
I HATE STUDYING.
I KNOW.
YOU'RE LUCKY, ISOBE.
YOU'RE SMART. YOU'LL HAVE YOUR PICK OF ANY HIGH SCHOOL.
I'M...
NOT GOING TO HIGH SCHOOL.
WHA-AAAT?
WHY? HOW COME?


PRETTY SURE
I'LL BE DEAD SOON SO...
SHUT UUUUP.
THAT'S TOO SAD.
WHAT-EVER. DOESN'T MATTER.
I MEAN, NO ONE'LL CARE IF I'M GONE.
...I GUESS SO...
I'M CURSED, YOU KNOW.
MY BROTHER CURSED ME.


WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
HEY, TURN THE AIR CONDITIONER UP.
IT'S SO HOT, I'M PRACTICALLY MELTING.
SATO.
WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO WHEN YOU GROW UP?
DUNNO. I MEAN, THE FUTURE.
I JUST WANNA STAY LIKE THIS.
THAT'S DUMB.
THAT'S WHAT EVERYONE SAYS, AND THEN THEY GO AND WASTE THEIR LIVES.
OKAY THEN.
I WISH I COULD JUST MELT INTO NOTHING LIKE THIS.

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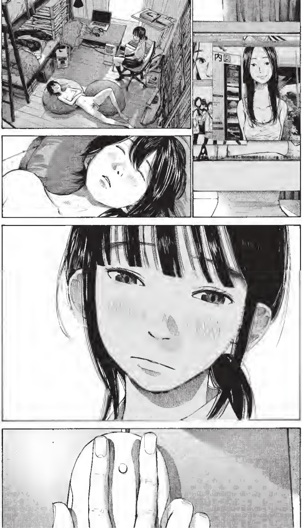
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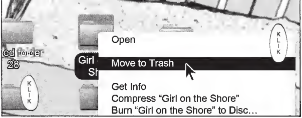
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Move to Trash
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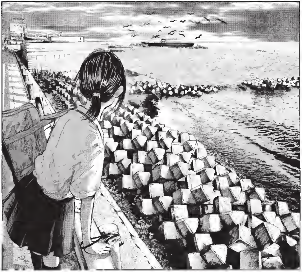

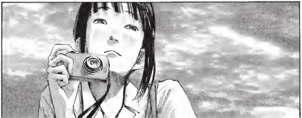

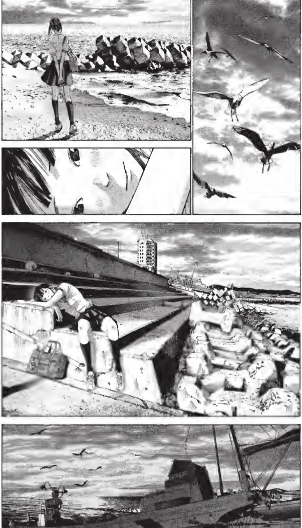

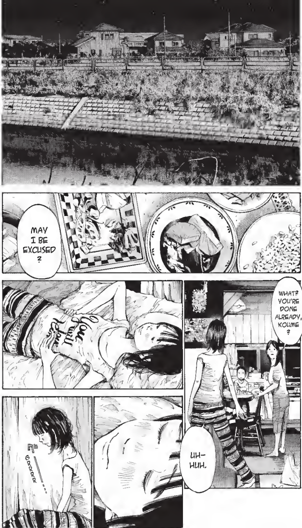
MAY I BE EXCUSED?
WHAT? YOU'RE DONE ALREADY, KOUME?
UH-HUH.
You will love him
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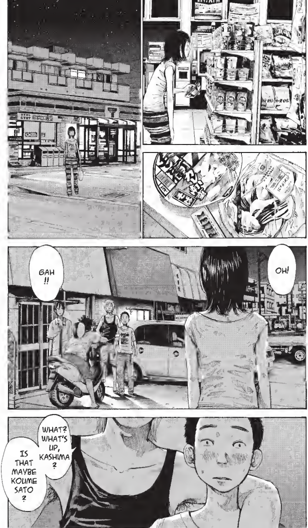
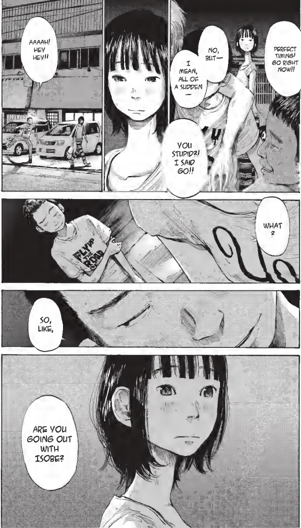
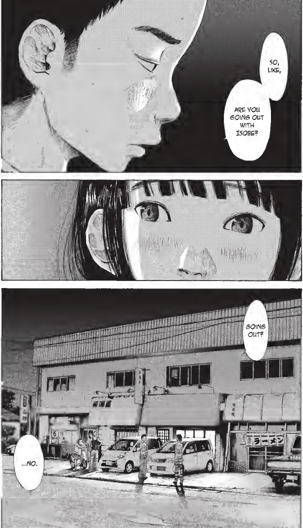
GRRRR...


OH!
GAH!!
WHAT? WHAT'S UP, KASHIMA?
IS THAT MAYBE KOUME SATO?


PERFECT TIMING! GO RIGHT NOW!!
NO, BUT—
I MEAN, ALL OF A SUDDEN—
YOU STUPID?! I SAID GO!!
AAAAH! HEY HEY!!
WHAT?
SO, LIKE,
ARE YOU GOING OUT WITH ISOBE?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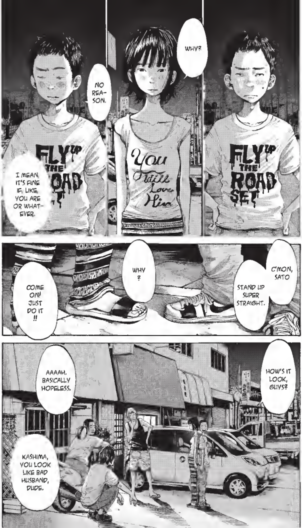
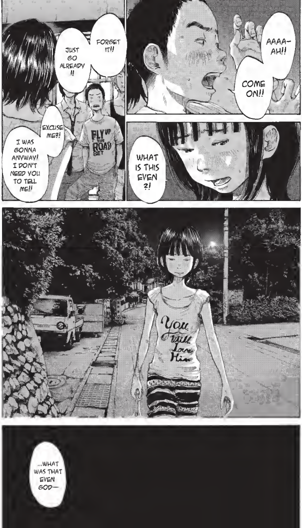
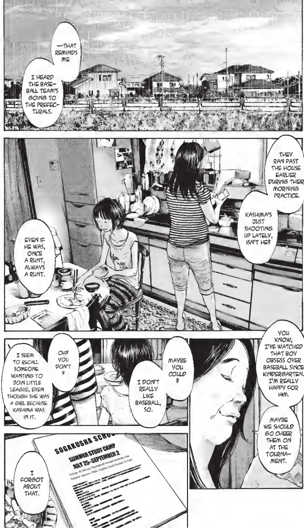
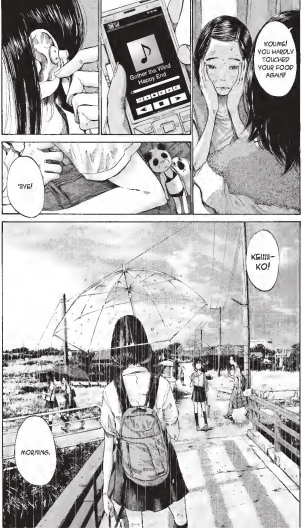
ARE YOU GOING OUT WITH ISOBE?
GOING OUT?
ラーメン
...NO.


WHY?
NO REASON.
I MEAN, IT'S FINE IF, LIKE, YOU ARE OR WHATEVER.
FLY UP THE ROAD SET
You Will Love Him
FLY UP THE ROAD SET
C'MON, SATO
STAND UP SUPER STRAIGHT.
WHY ?
COME ON! JUST DO IT !!
HOW'S IT LOOK, GUYS?
AAAAH. BASICALLY HOPELESS.
KASHIMA, YOU LOOK LIKE BAD HUSBAND, DUDE.


AAAA-AH!!
COME ON!!
FORGET IT!!
JUST GO ALREADY!!
EXCUSE ME?!
I WAS GONNA ANYWAY! I DON'T NEED YOU TO TELL ME!!
FLY UP THE ROAD SET
WHAT IS THIS EVEN ?!
You Will Love Him
...WHAT WAS THAT EVEN GOD—


—THAT REMINDS ME
I HEARD THE BASEBALL TEAM'S GOING TO THE PREFECTURALS.
THEY RAN PAST THE HOUSE EARLIER DURING THEIR MORNING PRACTICE.
KASHIMA'S JUST SHOOTING UP LATELY, ISN'T HE?
EVEN IF HE WAS, ONCE A RUNT, ALWAYS A RUNT.
YOU KNOW, I'VE WATCHED THAT BOY OBSESS OVER BASEBALL SINCE KINDERGARTEN. I'M REALLY HAPPY FOR HIM.
MAYBE WE SHOULD GO CHEER THEM ON AT THE TOURNAMENT.
MAYBE YOU COULD?
I DON'T REALLY LIKE BASEBALL, SO.
OH? YOU DON'T?
I SEEM TO RECALL SOMEONE WANTING TO JOIN LITTLE LEAGUE, EVEN THOUGH SHE WAS A GIRL BECAUSE KASHIMA WAS IN IT.
SOGAKUSHA SCHO
SUMMER STUDY CAMP
JULY 25–SEPTEMBER 2
I FORGOT ABOUT THAT.


KOUME! YOU HARDLY TOUCHED YOUR FOOD AGAIN!
Gather the Wind
Happy End
'BYE!
KEIIIII-KO!
MORNING.

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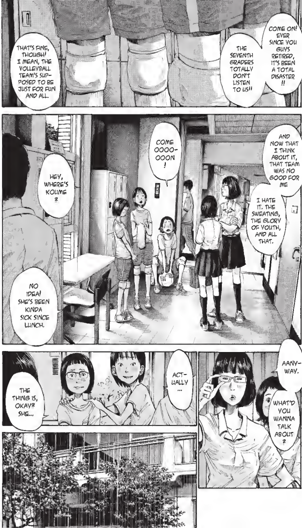
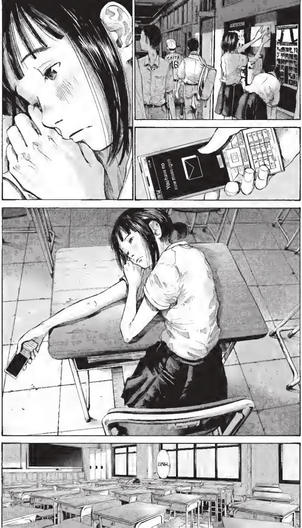

COME ON! EVER SINCE YOU GUYS RETIRED, IT'S BEEN A TOTAL DISASTER!!
THE SEVENTH GRADERS TOTALLY DON'T LISTEN TO US!!
THAT'S FINE, THOUGH! I MEAN, THE VOLLEYBALL TEAM'S SUPPOSED TO BE JUST FOR FUN AND ALL.
AND NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, THAT TEAM WAS NO GOOD FOR ME
I HATE IT. THE SWEATING, THE GLORY OF YOUTH, AND ALL THAT.
COME OOOO-OOON!
HEY, WHERE'S KOUME?
NO IDEA! SHE'S BEEN KINDA SICK SINCE LUNCH.
AANYWAY.
WHAT'D YOU WANNA TALK ABOUT?
ACTUALLY...
THE THING IS, OKAY? SHE...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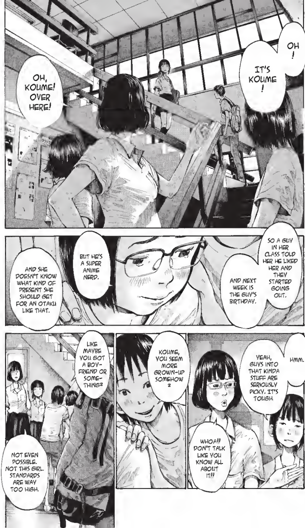
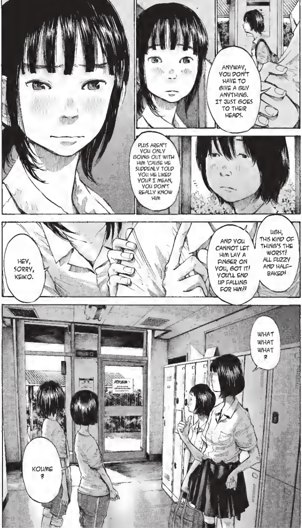
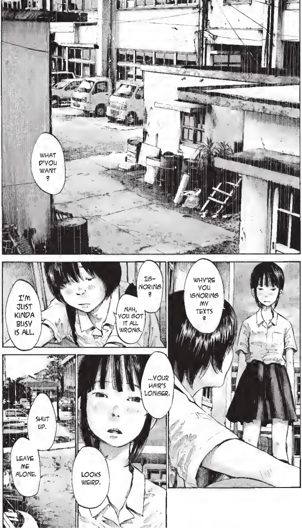
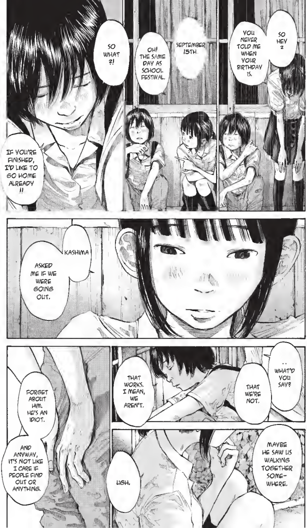
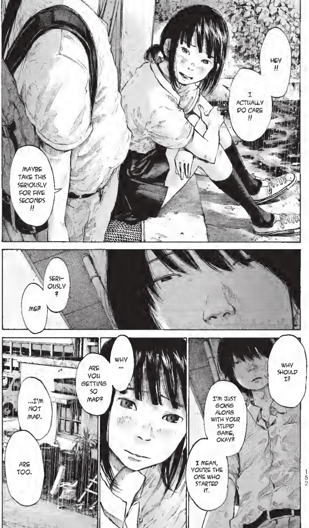
You have no
new messages
UNH.

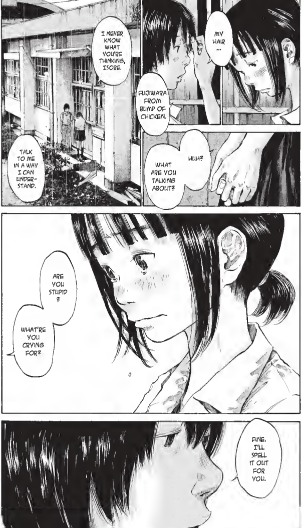

OH!
IT'S KOUME!
OH, KOUME! OVER HERE!
SO A GUY IN HER CLASS TOLD HER HE LIKED HER AND THEY STARTED GOING OUT.
AND NEXT WEEK IS THE GUY'S BIRTHDAY.
BUT HE'S A SUPER ANIME NERD.
AND SHE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF PRESENT SHE SHOULD GET FOR AN OTAKU LIKE THAT.
HMM.
YEAH, GUYS INTO THAT KINDA STUFF ARE SERIOUSLY PICKY. IT'S TOUGH
WHOA!! DON'T TALK LIKE YOU KNOW ALL ABOUT IT!!
KOUME, YOU SEEM MORE GROWN-UP SOMEHOW?
LIKE MAYBE YOU GOT A BOY-FRIEND OR SOME-THING?
NOT EVEN POSSIBLE. NOT THIS GIRL. STANDARDS ARE WAY TOO HIGH.

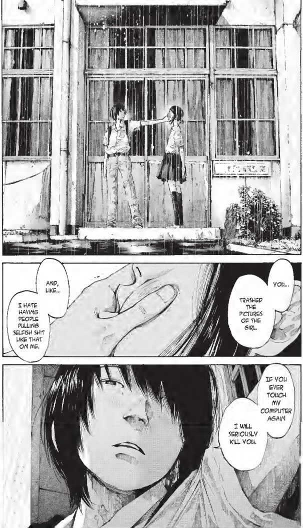

ANYWAY, YOU DON'T HAVE TO GIVE A GUY ANYTHING. IT JUST GOES TO THEIR HEADS.
PLUS AREN'T YOU ONLY GOING OUT WITH HIM 'CAUSE HE SUDDENLY TOLD YOU HE LIKED YOU? I MEAN, YOU DON'T REALLY KNOW HIM
UGH, THIS KIND OF THING'S THE WORST! ALL FUZZY AND HALF-BAKED!
AND YOU CANNOT LET HIM LAY A FINGER ON YOU, GOT IT! YOU'LL END UP FALLING FOR HIM!!
HEY, SORRY, KEIKO.
WHAT WHAT WHAT ?
KOUME ?

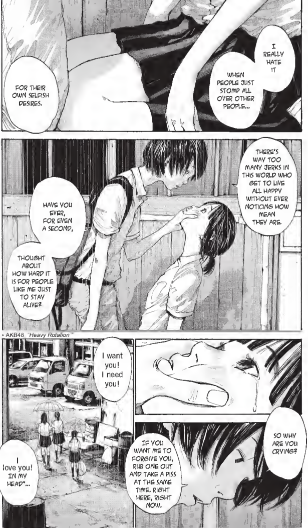

WHAT D'YOU WANT?
WHY'RE YOU IGNORING MY TEXTS?
IG- NORING?
NAH, YOU GOT IT ALL WRONG.
I'M JUST KINDA BUSY IS ALL.
...YOUR HAIR'S LONGER.
LOOKS WEIRD.
SHUT UP.
LEAVE ME ALONE.


SO HEY ?
YOU NEVER TOLD ME WHEN YOUR BIRTHDAY IS.
SEPTEMBER 15TH.
OH! THE SAME DAY AS SCHOOL FESTIVAL.
SO WHAT ?!
IF YOU'RE FINISHED, I'D LIKE TO GO HOME ALREADY !!
KASHIMA
ASKED ME IF WE WERE GOING OUT.
.. WHAT'D YOU SAY?
THAT WE'RE NOT.
THAT WORKS. I MEAN, WE AREN'T.
FORGET ABOUT HIM. HE'S AN IDIOT.
MAYBE HE SAW US WALKING TOGETHER SOMEWHERE.
UGH.
AND ANYWAY, IT'S NOT LIKE I CARE IF PEOPLE FIND OUT OR ANYTHING.

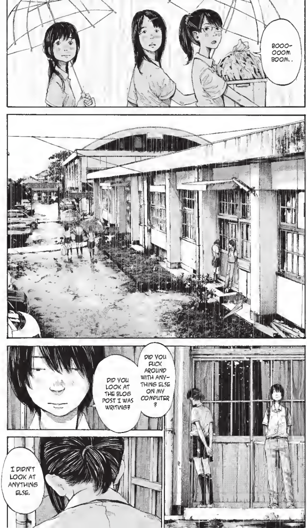

HEY !!
I ACTUALLY DO CARE !!
MAYBE TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY FOR FIVE SECONDS !!
SERIOUSLY ?
ME?
WHY SHOULD I?
I'M JUST GOING ALONG WITH YOUR STUPID GAME, OKAY?
I MEAN, YOU'RE THE ONE WHO STARTED IT.
WHY ...
ARE YOU GETTING SO MAD?
...I'M NOT MAD.
ARE TOO.

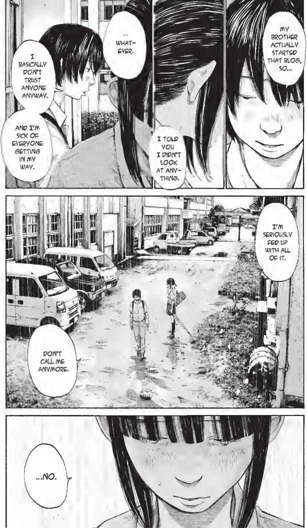

MY HAIR ...
FUJIWARA FROM BUMP OF CHICKEN.
HUH?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
I NEVER KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING, ISOBE.
TALK TO ME IN A WAY I CAN UNDERSTAND.
ARE YOU STUPID?
WHAT'RE YOU CRYING FOR?
FINE. I'LL SPELL IT OUT FOR YOU.

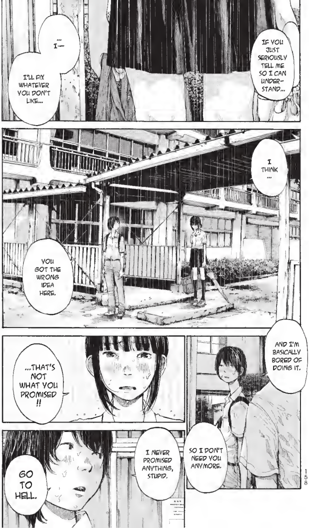

YOU...
TRASHED THE PICTURES OF THE GIRL.
AND, LIKE...
I HATE HAVING PEOPLE PULLING SELFISH SHIT LIKE THAT ON ME.
IF YOU EVER TOUCH MY COMPUTER AGAIN
I WILL SERIOUSLY KILL YOU.

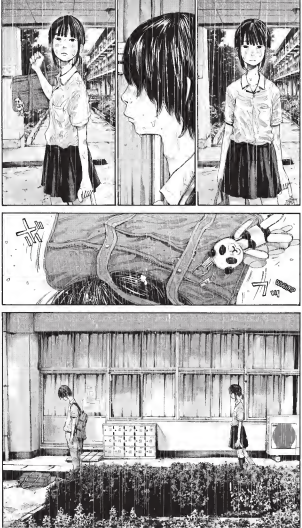

I REALLY HATE IT
WHEN PEOPLE JUST STOMP ALL OVER OTHER PEOPLE...
FOR THEIR OWN SELFISH DESIRES.
THERE'S WAY TOO MANY JERKS IN THIS WORLD WHO GET TO LIVE ALL HAPPY WITHOUT EVER NOTICING HOW MEAN THEY ARE.
HAVE YOU EVER, FOR EVEN A SECOND,
THOUGHT ABOUT HOW HARD IT IS FOR PEOPLE LIKE ME JUST TO STAY ALIVE?
SO WHY ARE YOU CRYING?
IF YOU WANT ME TO FORGIVE YOU, RUB ONE OUT AND TAKE A PISS AT THE SAME TIME. RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW.
I want you! I need you!
I love you! IN MY HEAD*...

* AKB48 "Heavy Rotation"


BOOO-OOOM BOOM..
DID YOU FUCK AROUND WITH ANY-THING ELSE ON MY COMPUTER?
DID YOU LOOK AT THE BLOG POST I WAS WRITING?
I DIDN'T LOOK AT ANYTHING ELSE.


MY BROTHER ACTUALLY STARTED THAT BLOG, SO...
I TOLD YOU I DIDN'T LOOK AT ANYTHING.
...WHATEVER.
I BASICALLY DON'T TRUST ANYONE ANYWAY.
AND I'M SICK OF EVERYONE GETTING IN MY WAY.
I'M SERIOUSLY FED UP WITH ALL OF IT.
DON'T CALL ME ANYMORE.
...NO.


IF YOU JUST SERIOUSLY TELL ME SO I CAN UNDERSTAND...
... I—
I'LL FIX WHATEVER YOU DON'T LIKE...
I THINK ...
YOU GOT THE WRONG IDEA HERE.
AND I'M BASICALLY BORED OF DOING IT.
SO I DON'T NEED YOU ANYMORE.
...THAT'S NOT WHAT YOU PROMISED !!
I NEVER PROMISED ANYTHING, STUPID.
GO TO HELL.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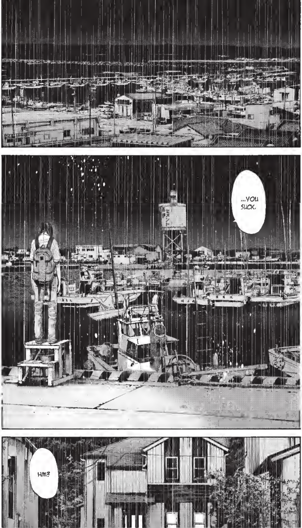
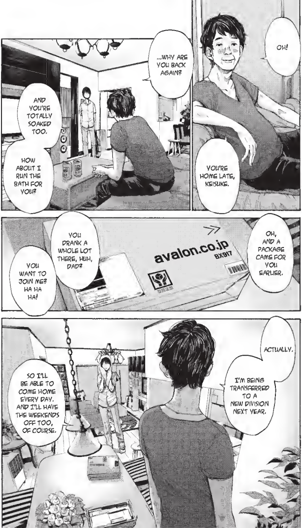
WHUMP


...YOU SUCK.
HM?


OH!
YOU'RE HOME LATE, KEISUKE.
...WHY ARE YOU BACK AGAIN?
AND YOU'RE TOTALLY SOAKED TOO.
HOW ABOUT I RUN THE BATH FOR YOU?
OH, AND A PACKAGE CAME FOR YOU EARLIER.
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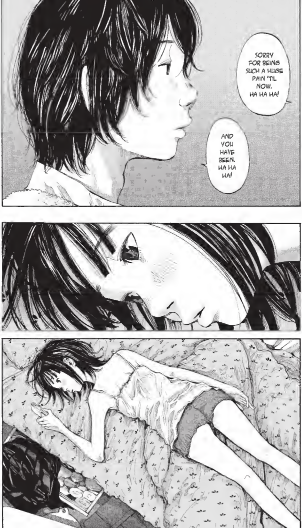
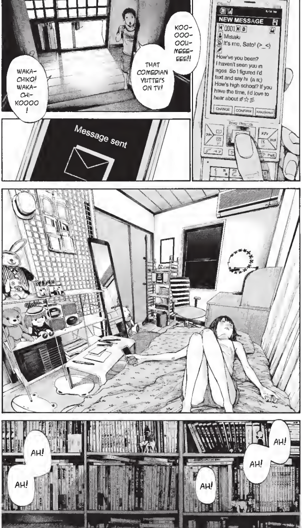
YOU DRANK A WHOLE LOT THERE, HUH, DAD?
YOU WANT TO JOIN ME? HA HA HA!
ACTUALLY,
I'M BEING TRANSFERRED TO A NEW DIVISION NEXT YEAR.
SO I'LL BE ABLE TO COME HOME EVERY DAY. AND I'LL HAVE THE WEEKENDS OFF TOO, OF COURSE.


SORRY FOR BEING SUCH A HUGE PAIN 'TIL NOW. HA HA HA!
AND YOU HAVE BEEN. HA HA HA!

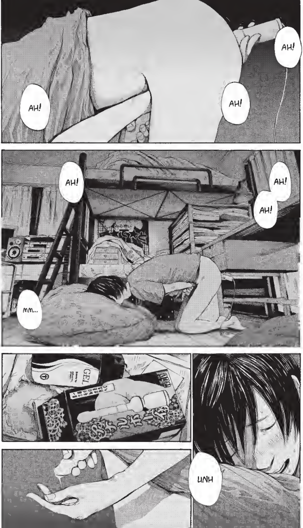

NEW MESSAGE
0001
CHANGE
CONFIRM
KANA/KANA

Misaki

It's me, Sato! (>_<)

How've you been? I haven't seen you in ages. So I figured I'd text and say hi (a a;) How's high school? If you have the time, I'd love to hear about it! ☆彡

KOO-OOO-OOU-MEEE-EEE!!
THAT COMEDIAN YUTTEI'S ON TV!
WAKA-CHIKO! WAKA-CHI-KOOOO!
Message sent
AH!
AH!
AH!
AH!
AH!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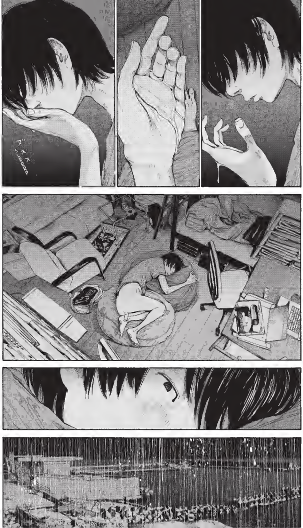
MM...
GEL
UNH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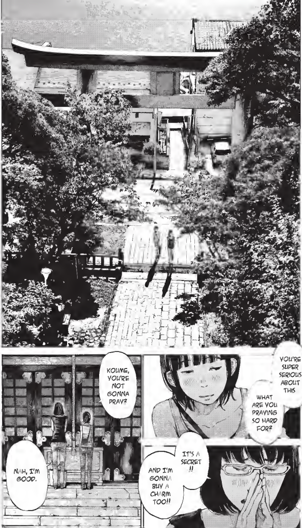
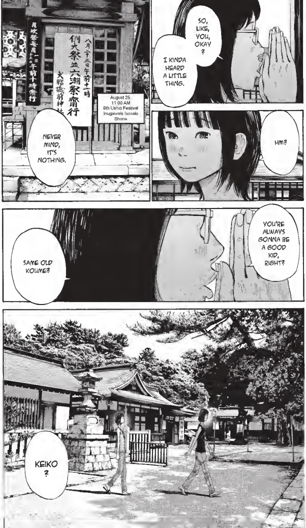
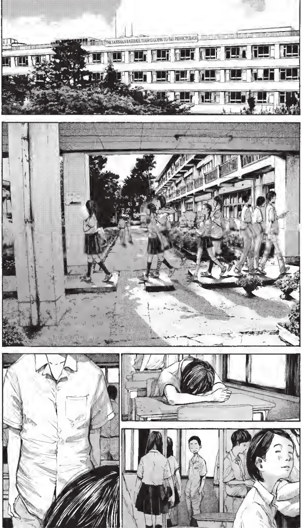
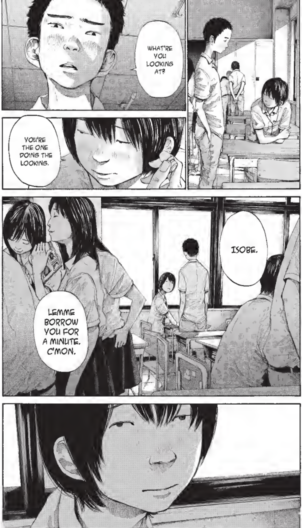
SLRRRP


YOU'RE SUPER SERIOUS ABOUT THIS
WHAT ARE YOU PRAYING SO HARD FOR?
IT'S A SECRET !!
AND I'M GONNA BUY A CHARM TOO!!
KOUME, YOU'RE NOT GONNA PRAY?
NAH, I'M GOOD.


SO, LIKE, YOU, OKAY?
I KINDA HEARD A LITTLE THING.
HM?
August 25
11:00 AM
6th Ushio Festival
Inugawaki Isosaki Shrine
NEVER MIND, IT'S NOTHING.
YOU'RE ALWAYS GONNA BE A GOOD KID, RIGHT?
SAME OLD KOUME?
KEIKO?


THE SANNAKA BASEBALL TEAM IS GOING TO THE PREFECTURALS!


WHAT'RE YOU LOOKING AT?
YOU'RE THE ONE DOING THE LOOKING.
ISOBE.
LEMME BORROW YOU FOR A MINUTE. C'MON.

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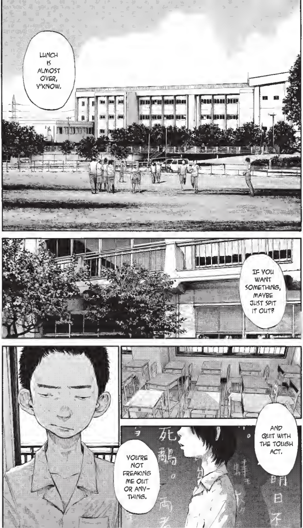
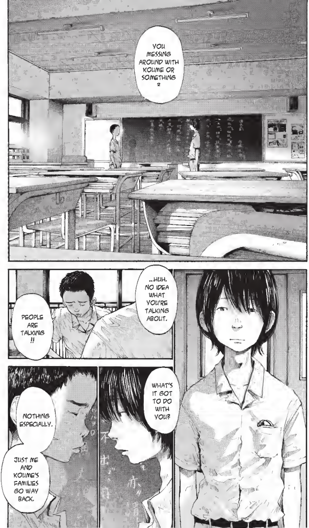
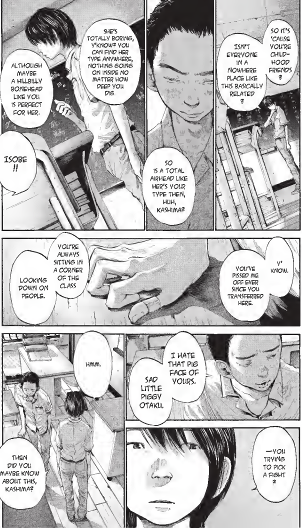
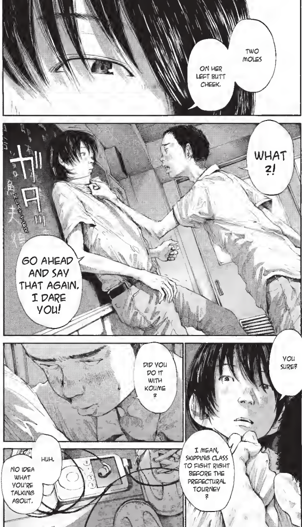

LUNCH IS ALMOST OVER, Y'KNOW.
IF YOU WANT SOMETHING, MAYBE JUST SPIT IT OUT?
AND QUIT WITH THE TOUGH ACT.
YOU'RE NOT FREAKING ME OUT OR ANY-THING.


YOU MESSING AROUND WITH KOUME OR SOMETHING?
...HUH. NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.
PEOPLE ARE TALKING!!
WHAT'S IT GOT TO DO WITH YOU?
NOTHING ESPECIALLY.
JUST ME AND KOUME'S FAMILIES GO WAY BACK.


SO IT'S 'CAUSE YOU'RE CHILDHOOD FRIENDS?
ISN'T EVERYONE IN A NOWHERE PLACE LIKE THIS BASICALLY RELATED?
SO IS A TOTAL AIRHEAD LIKE HER'S YOUR TYPE THEN, HUH, KASHIMA?
SHE'S TOTALLY BORING, Y'KNOW? YOU CAN FIND HER TYPE ANYWHERE, NOTHING GOING ON INSIDE NO MATTER HOW DEEP YOU DIG
ALTHOUGH MAYBE A HILLBILLY BONEHEAD LIKE YOU IS PERFECT FOR HER.
ISOBE!!
Y' KNOW.
YOU'VE PISSED ME OFF EVER SINCE YOU TRANSFERRED HERE.
YOU'RE ALWAYS SITTING IN A CORNER OF THE CLASS
LOOKING DOWN ON PEOPLE.
I HATE THAT PIG FACE OF YOURS.
SAD LITTLE PIGGY OTAKU.
—YOU TRYING TO PICK A FIGHT?
HMM.
THEN DID YOU MAYBE KNOW ABOUT THIS, KASHIMA?


TWO MOLES
ON HER LEFT BUTT CHEEK.
WHAT ?!
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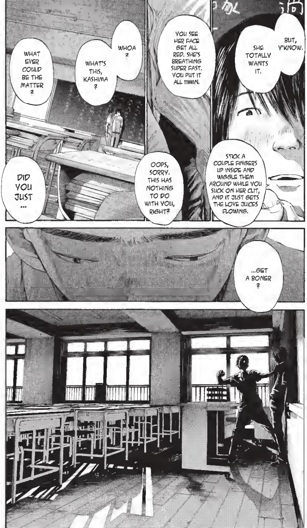
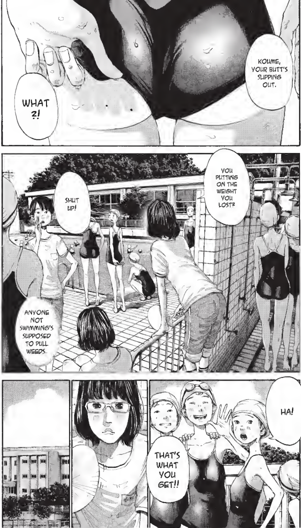
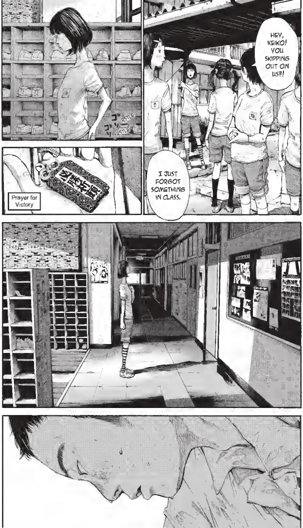
KLATTER
GO AHEAD AND SAY THAT AGAIN, I DARE YOU!
YOU SURE?
I MEAN, SKIPPING CLASS TO FIGHT RIGHT BEFORE THE PREFECTURAL TOURNEY ?
DID YOU DO IT WITH KOUME ?
HUH.
NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.


BUT, Y'KNOW.
SHE TOTALLY WANTS IT.
STICK A COUPLE FINGERS UP INSIDE AND WIGGLE THEM AROUND WHILE YOU SUCK ON HER CLIT, AND IT JUST GETS THE LOVE JUICES FLOWING.
YOU SEE HER FACE GET ALL RED. SHE'S BREATHING SUPER FAST. YOU PUT IT ALL IIIIIIN.
OOPS, SORRY. THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU, RIGHT?
WHOA ?
WHAT'S THIS, KASHIMA ?
WHAT EVER COULD BE THE MATTER ?
DID YOU JUST ...
...GET A BONER ?


KOUME, YOUR BUTT'S SLIPPING OUT.
WHAT ?!
YOU PUTTING ON THE WEIGHT YOU LOST?
SHUT UP!
ANYONE NOT SWIMMING'S SUPPOSED TO PULL WEEDS.
HA!
THAT'S WHAT YOU GET!!


HEY, KEIKO! YOU SKIPPING OUT ON US?!
I JUST FORGOT SOMETHING IN CLASS.
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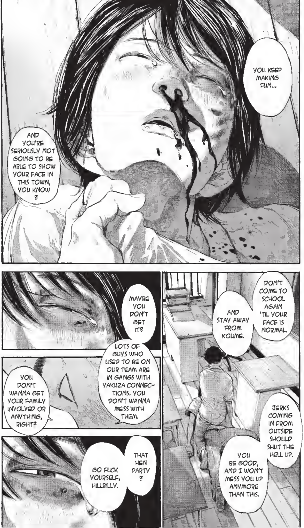
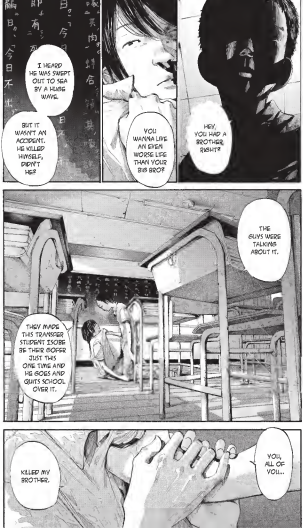
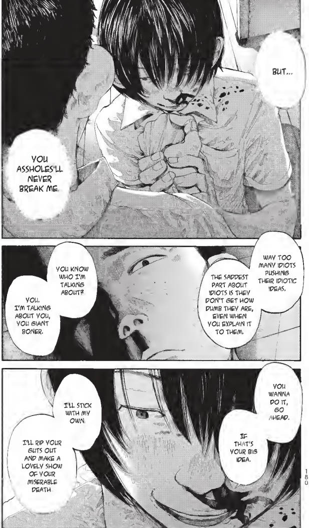
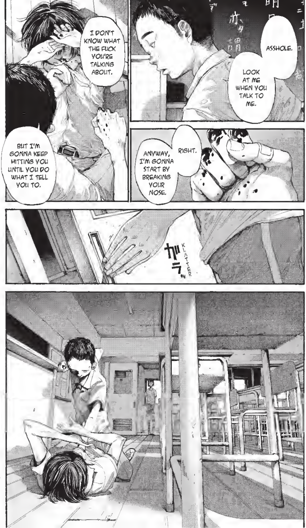
RSTLE RSTLE
必勝祈願
Prayer for Victory


YOU KEEP MAKING FUN...
AND YOU'RE SERIOUSLY NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO SHOW YOUR FACE IN THIS TOWN, YOU KNOW?
MAYBE YOU DON'T GET IT?
LOTS OF GUYS WHO USED TO BE ON OUR TEAM ARE IN GANGS WITH YAKUZA CONNECTIONS. YOU DON'T WANNA MESS WITH THEM.
YOU DON'T WANNA GET YOUR FAMILY INVOLVED OR ANYTHING, RIGHT?
THAT HEN PARTY?
GO FUCK YOURSELF, HILLBILLY.
JERKS COMING IN FROM OUTSIDE SHOULD SHUT THE HELL UP.
YOU BE GOOD, AND I WON'T MESS YOU UP ANYMORE THAN THIS.
DON'T COME TO SCHOOL AGAIN 'TIL YOUR FACE IS NORMAL.
AND STAY AWAY FROM KOUME.


HEY, YOU HAD A BROTHER RIGHT?
YOU WANNA LIVE AN EVEN WORSE LIFE THAN YOUR BIG BRO?
I HEARD HE WAS SWEPT OUT TO SEA BY A HUGE WAVE.
BUT IT WASN'T AN ACCIDENT. HE KILLED HIMSELF, DIDN'T HE?
THE GUYS WERE TALKING ABOUT IT.
THEY MADE THIS TRANSFER STUDENT ISOBE BE THEIR GOFER JUST THIS ONE TIME AND HE GOES AND QUITS SCHOOL OVER IT.
YOU, ALL OF YOU...
KILLED MY BROTHER.


BUT...
YOU ASSHOLES'LL NEVER BREAK ME.
WAY TOO MANY IDIOTS PUSHING THEIR IDIOTIC IDEAS.
THE SADDEST PART ABOUT IDIOTS IS THEY DON'T GET HOW DUMB THEY ARE, EVEN WHEN YOU EXPLAIN IT TO THEM.
YOU KNOW WHO I'M TALKING ABOUT?
YOU. I'M TALKING ABOUT YOU, YOU GIANT BONER.
YOU WANNA DO IT, GO AHEAD.
IF THAT'S YOUR BIG IDEA.
I'LL STICK WITH MY OWN.
I'LL RIP YOUR GUTS OUT AND MAKE A LOVELY SHOW OF YOUR MISERABLE DEATH.


ASSHOLE.
LOOK AT ME WHEN YOU TALK TO ME.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE FUCK YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.
RIGHT.
ANYWAY, I'M GONNA START BY BREAKING YOUR NOSE.
BUT I'M GONNA KEEP HITTING YOU UNTIL YOU DO WHAT I TELL YOU TO.
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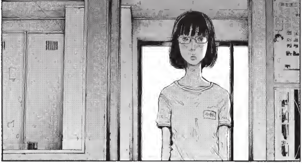
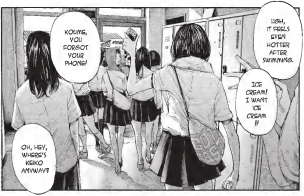
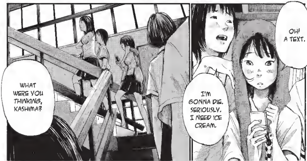
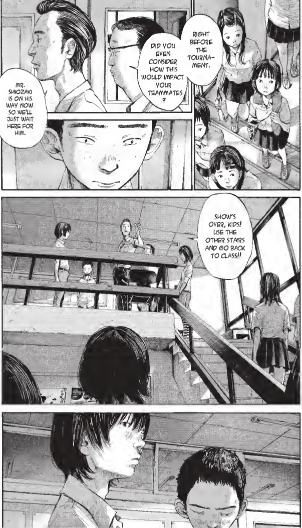
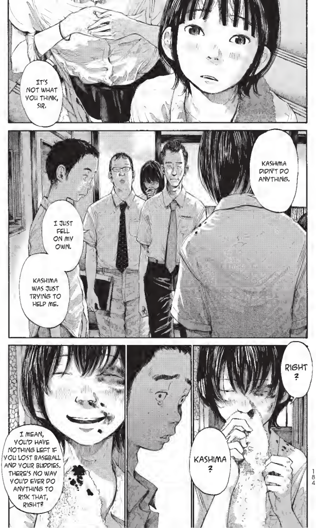
KLATTER

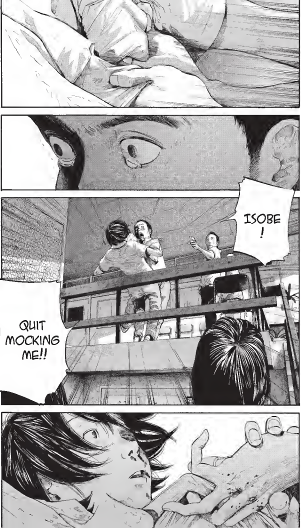



UGH, IT FEELS EVEN HOTTER AFTER SWIMMING.
KOUME, YOU FORGOT YOUR PHONE!
ICE CREAM! I WANT ICE CREAM!!
OH, HEY, WHERE'S KEIKO ANYWAY?


OH! A TEXT.
I'M GONNA DIE. SERIOUSLY, I NEED ICE CREAM.
WHAT WERE YOU *THINKING*, KASHIMA?


RIGHT BEFORE THE TOURNAMENT.
DID YOU EVEN CONSIDER HOW THIS WOULD IMPACT YOUR TEAMMATES?
MR. SHIOZAKI IS ON HIS WAY NOW. SO WE'LL JUST WAIT HERE FOR HIM.
SHOW'S OVER, KIDS! USE THE OTHER STAIRS AND GO BACK TO CLASS!!


IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK, SIR.
KASHIMA DIDN'T DO ANYTHING.
I JUST FELL ON MY OWN.
KASHIMA WAS JUST TRYING TO HELP ME.
I MEAN, YOU'D HAVE NOTHING LEFT IF YOU LOST BASEBALL AND YOUR BUDDIES. THERE'S NO WAY YOU'D EVER DO ANYTHING TO RISK THAT, RIGHT?
RIGHT?
KASHIMA?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QUIT MOCKING ME!!

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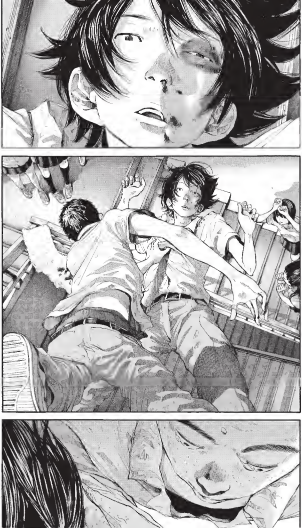

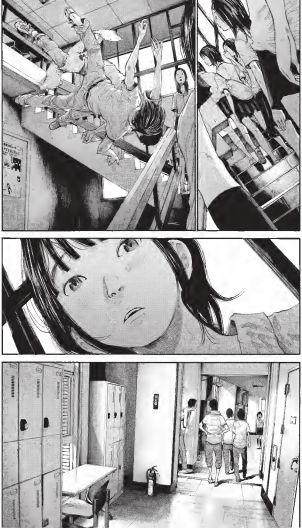
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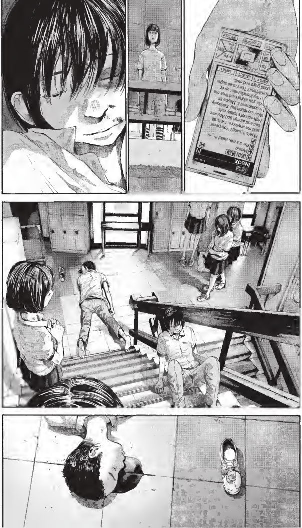

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Misaki

Re: It's me, Sato! (>_<)

How's it going? You never text me anymore. I was all sad and lonely! (lol) Anyway, high school's totally nuts. Way too much fun. Seriously, I recommend it. Maybe I'll invite you along next time me and my friends meet up or something? They're all super good guys and stuff.

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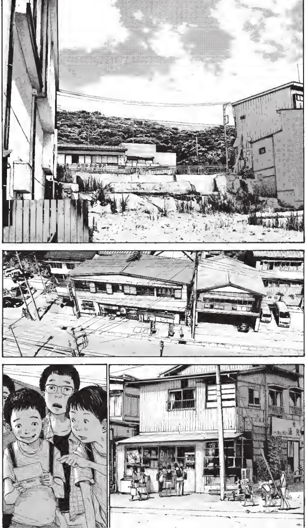

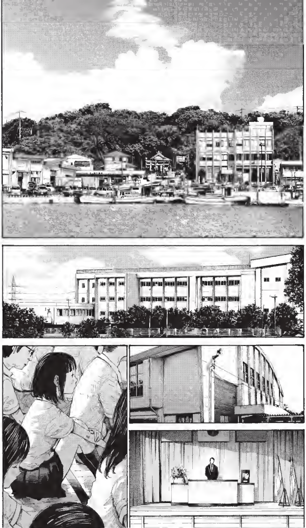

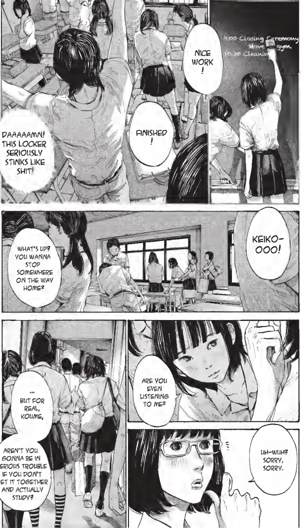
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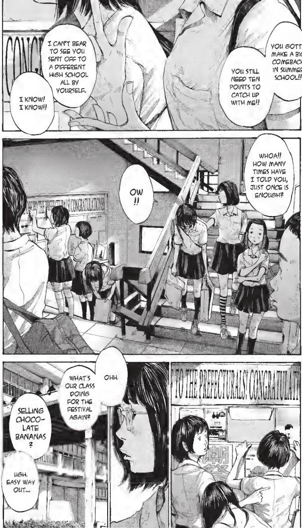
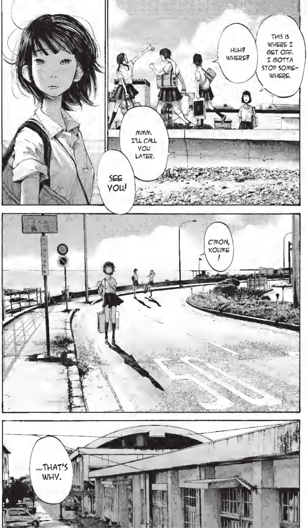
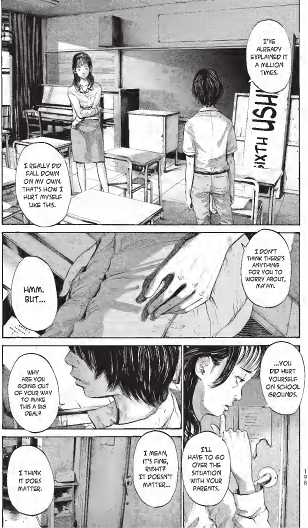
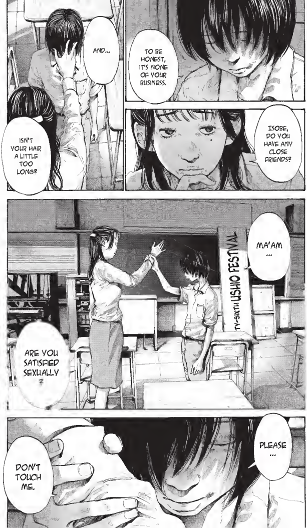
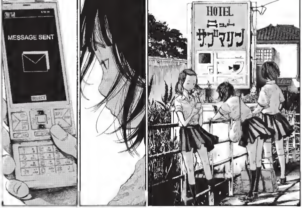
Move gym.
10:30 Cleanin
DAAAAAMN! THIS LOCKER SERIOUSLY STINKS LIKE SHIT!
FINISHED!
NICE WORK!
KEIKO-OOO!
WHAT'S UP? YOU WANNA STOP SOMEWHERE ON THE WAY HOME?
... BUT FOR REAL, KOUME,
AREN'T YOU GONNA BE IN SERIOUS TROUBLE IF YOU DON'T GET IT TOGETHER AND ACTUALLY STUDY?
ARE YOU EVEN LISTENING TO ME?
UH-WUH? SORRY, SORRY.


YOU GOTTA MAKE A BIG COMEBACK IN SUMMER SCHOOL!!
YOU STILL NEED TEN POINTS TO CATCH UP WITH ME!!
I CAN'T BEAR TO SEE YOU SENT OFF TO A DIFFERENT HIGH SCHOOL ALL BY YOURSELF.
I KNOW! I KNOW!!
CONG
WHOA!! HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I TOLD YOU, JUST ONCE IS ENOUGH?
OW !!
TO THE PREFECTURALS! CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE PREFECTURALS! CONGRATULATI
OHH.
WHAT'S OUR CLASS DOING FOR THE FESTIVAL AGAIN?
SELLING CHOCOLATE BANANAS?
UGH. EASY WAY OUT...


THIS IS WHERE I GET OFF. I GOTTA STOP SOME-WHERE.
HUH? WHERE?
MMM. I'LL CALL YOU LATER.
SEE YOU!
C'MON, KOUME!
...THAT'S WHY.


I'VE ALREADY EXPLAINED IT A MILLION TIMES.
SIXTH
I REALLY DID FALL DOWN ON MY OWN. THAT'S HOW I HURT MYSELF LIKE THIS.
I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANYTHING FOR YOU TO WORRY ABOUT, MA'AM.
HMM. BUT...
...YOU DID HURT YOURSELF ON SCHOOL GROUNDS.
I'LL HAVE TO GO OVER THE SITUATION WITH YOUR PARENTS.
WHY ARE YOU GOING OUT OF YOUR WAY TO MAKE THIS A BIG DEAL?
I MEAN, IT'S FINE, RIGHT? IT DOESN'T MATTER...
I THINK IT DOES MATTER.


TO BE HONEST, IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS.
ISOBE, DO YOU HAVE ANY CLOSE FRIENDS?
AND...
ISN'T YOUR HAIR A LITTLE TOO LONG?
TY-SIXTH USHIO FESTIVAL
MA'AM ...
ARE YOU SATISFIED SEXUALLY ?
PLEASE ...
DON'T TOUCH ME.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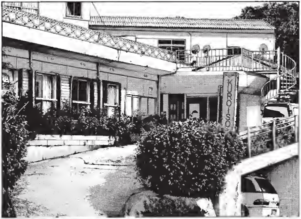
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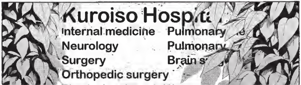
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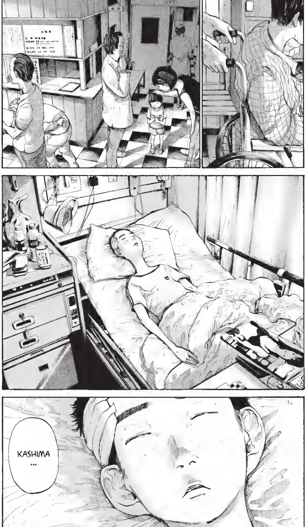
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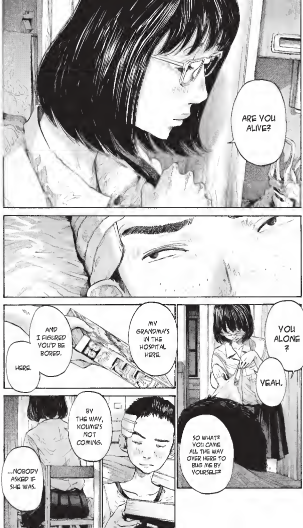
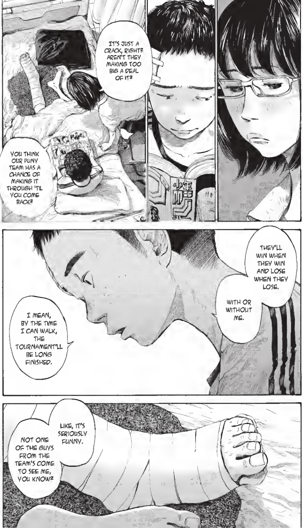
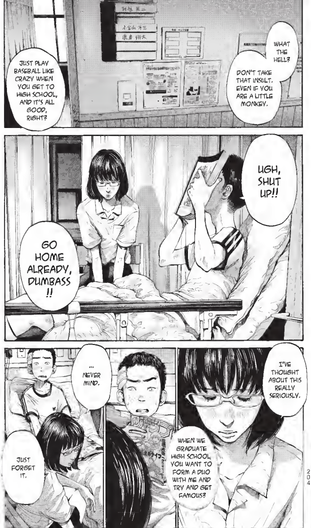
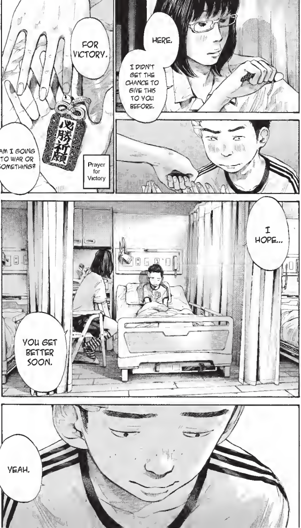

ARE YOU ALIVE?
YOU ALONE?
YEAH.
MY GRANDMA'S IN THE HOSPITAL HERE.
AND I FIGURED YOU'D BE BORED.
HERE.
SO WHAT? YOU CAME ALL THE WAY OVER HERE TO BUG ME BY YOURSELF?
BY THE WAY, KOUME'S NOT COMING.
...NOBODY ASKED IF SHE WAS.


IT'S JUST A CRACK, RIGHT? AREN'T THEY MAKING TOO BIG A DEAL OF IT?
YOU THINK OUR PUNY TEAM HAS A CHANCE OF MAKING IT THROUGH 'TIL YOU COME BACK?
I MEAN, BY THE TIME I CAN WALK, THE TOURNAMENT'LL BE LONG FINISHED.
THEY'LL WIN WHEN THEY WIN AND LOSE WHEN THEY LOSE.
WITH OR WITHOUT ME.
LIKE, IT'S SERIOUSLY FUNNY.
NOT ONE OF THE GUYS FROM THE TEAM'S COME TO SEE ME, YOU KNOW?


WHAT THE HELL?
DON'T TAKE THAT INSULT. EVEN IF YOU ARE A LITTLE MONKEY.
JUST PLAY BASEBALL LIKE CRAZY WHEN YOU GET TO HIGH SCHOOL, AND IT'S ALL GOOD, RIGHT?
UGH, SHUT UP!!
GO HOME ALREADY, DUMBASS!!
I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT THIS REALLY SERIOUSLY.
WHEN WE GRADUATE HIGH SCHOOL YOU WANT TO FORM A DUO WITH ME AND TRY AND GET FAMOUS?
... NEVER MIND.
JUST FORGET IT.


HERE.
I DIDN'T GET THE CHANCE TO GIVE THIS TO YOU BEFORE.
FOR VICTORY.
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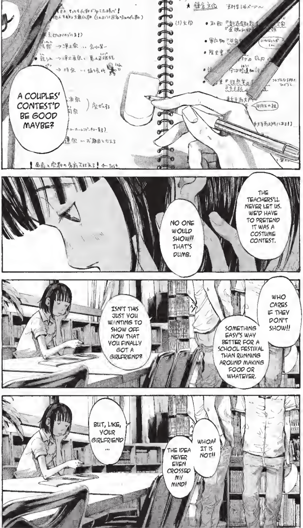
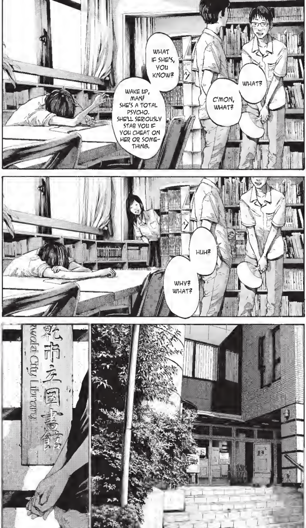
AM I GOING TO WAR OR SOMETHING?
I HOPE...
YOU GET BETTER SOON.
YEAH.


A COUPLES' CONTEST'D BE GOOD MAYBE?
THE TEACHERS'LL NEVER LET US. WE'D HAVE TO PRETEND IT WAS A COSTUME CONTEST.
NO ONE WOULD SHOW!! THAT'S DUMB.
WHO CARES IF THEY DON'T SHOW!!
SOMETHING EASY'S WAY BETTER FOR A SCHOOL FESTIVAL THAN RUNNING AROUND MAKING FOOD OR WHATEVER.
ISN'T THIS JUST YOU WANTING TO SHOW OFF NOW THAT YOU FINALLY GOT A GIRLFRIEND?
WHOA! IT IS NOT!!
THE IDEA NEVER EVEN CROSSED MY MIND!
BUT, LIKE, YOUR GIRLFRIEND ...


WHAT?
C'MON, WHAT?
WHAT IF SHE'S, YOU KNOW?
WAKE UP, MAN! SHE'S A TOTAL PSYCHO. SHE'LL SERIOUSLY STAB YOU IF YOU CHEAT ON HER OR SOMETHING.
HUH?
WHY? WHAT?
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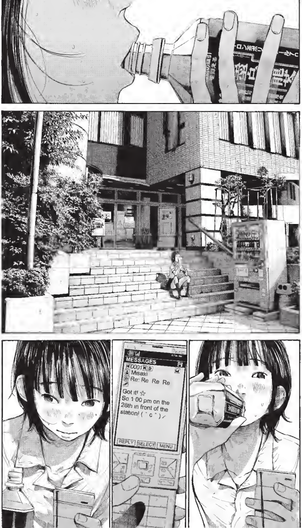
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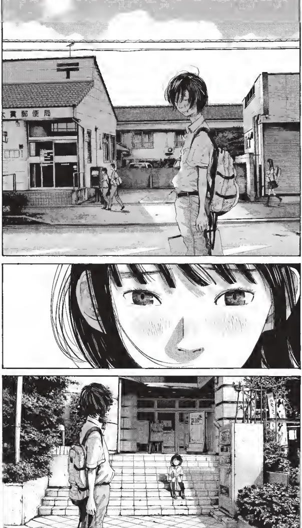
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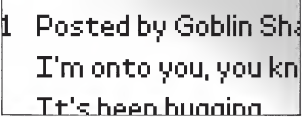

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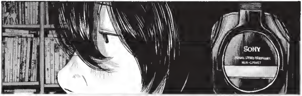
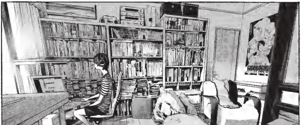
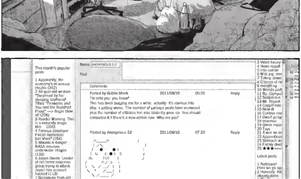
It's been bugging







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Posted by Goblin Shark 2011/08/10 05:22 Reply

I'm onto you, you know?

This has been bugging me for a while, actually. It's obvious this blog's getting worse. The number of garbage posts have increased plus the number of affiliates has also blatantly gone up. You should announce it if there's a new admin now. Who are you?

Posted by Anonymous Elf 2011/08/10 07:23 Reply

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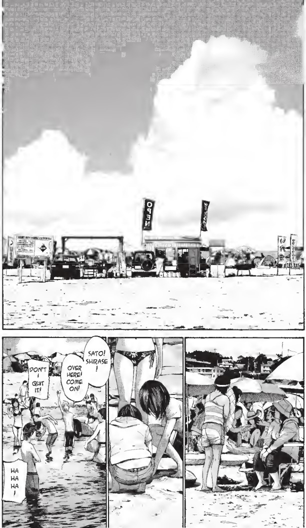
2 Honestly this already done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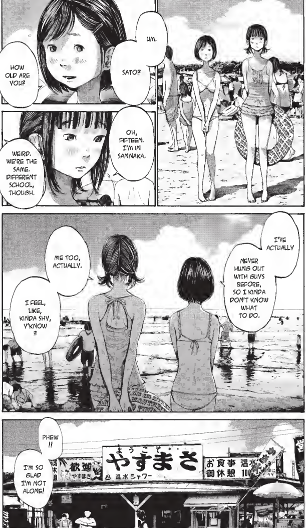
SATO! SHIRASE!
OVER HERE! COME ON!
DON'T! QUIT IT!
HA HA HA!


UM.
SATO?
HOW OLD ARE YOU?
OH, FIFTEEN. I'M IN SANNAKA.
WEIRD. WE'RE THE SAME. DIFFERENT SCHOOL, THOUGH.
I'VE ACTUALLY NEVER HUNG OUT WITH GUYS BEFORE, SO I KINDA DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.
ME TOO, ACTUALLY.
I FEEL, LIKE, KINDA SHY, Y'KNOW?
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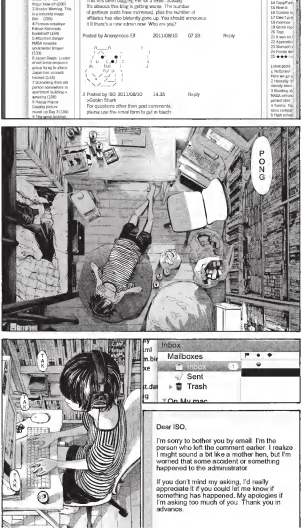
PHEW!!
I'M SO GLAD I'M NOT ALONE!



This has been bugging me for a while actually
It's obvious this blog is getting worse The number of garbage posts have increased plus the number of affiliates has also blatantly gone up. You should announce it It there's a new admin now Who are you?

Posted by Anonymous Elf 2011/08/10 07 23 Reply

2 Posted by ISO 2011/08/10 14.35 Reply
>Goblin Shark
For questions other than post comments please use the email form to get in touch

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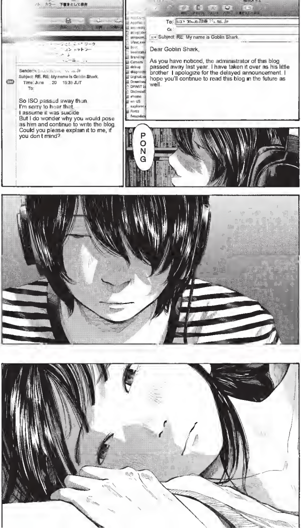
Dear ISO,

I'm sorry to bother you by email I'm the person who left the comment earlier I realize I might sound a bit like a mother hen, but I'm worried that some accident or something happened to the administrator

If you don't mind my asking, I'd really appreciate it if you could let me know if something has happened. My apologies if I'm asking too much of you Thank you in advance.



To:

Cc:

Subject: RE: My name is Goblin Shark.

Dear Goblin Shark,

As you have noticed, the administrator of this blog passed away last year. I have taken it over as his little brother. I apologize for the delayed announcement. I hope you'll continue to read this blog in the future as well.

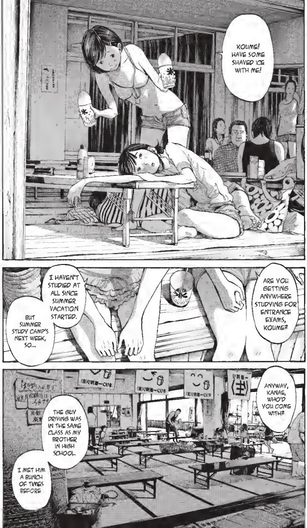
Sender:

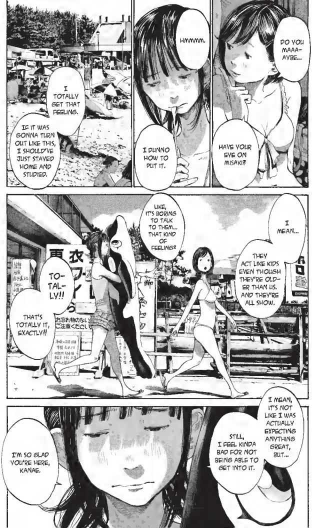
Subject: RE: RE: My name is Goblin Shark.

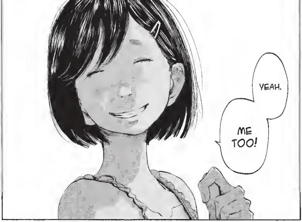
Time: June , 20 15:35 JUT

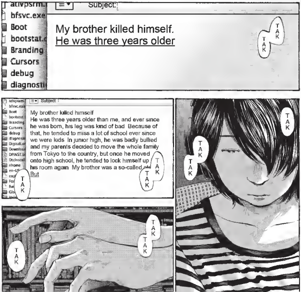
To:

So ISO passed away then.
I'm sorry to hear that.
I assume it was suicide.
But I do wonder why you would pose as him and continue to write the blog.
Could you please explain it to me, if you don't mind?


KOUME! HAVE SOME SHAVED ICE WITH ME!
ARE YOU GETTING ANYWHERE STUDYING FOR ENTRANCE EXAMS, KOUME?
I HAVEN'T STUDIED AT ALL SINCE SUMMER VACATION STARTED.
BUT SUMMER STUDY CAMP'S NEXT WEEK, SO...
ANYWAY, KANAE, WHO'D YOU COME WITH?
THE GUY DRIVING WAS IN THE SAME CLASS AS MY BROTHER IN HIGH SCHOOL.
I MET HIM A BUNCH OF TIMES BEFORE


DO YOU MAAAA-AYBE...
HAVE YOUR EYE ON MISAKI?
HMMMM.
I DUNNO HOW TO PUT IT.
I TOTALLY GET THAT FEELING.
IF IT WAS GONNA TURN OUT LIKE THIS, I SHOULD'VE JUST STAYED HOME AND STUDIED.
I MEAN...
THEY ACT LIKE KIDS EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE OLDER THAN US. AND THEY'RE ALL SHOW.
LIKE, IT'S BORING TO TALK TO THEM... THAT KIND OF FEELING?
TO-TAL-LY!!
THAT'S TOTALLY IT, EXACTLY!!
更衣
お忘れ物のない
ご注意ください
I MEAN, IT'S NOT LIKE I WAS ACTUALLY EXPECTING ANYTHING GREAT, BUT...
STILL, I FEEL KINDA BAD FOR NOT BEING ABLE TO GET INTO IT.
I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE, KANAE.





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He was three years older than me, and ever since he was born, his leg was kind of bad Because of that, he tended to miss a lot of school ever since we were kids In junior high, he was badly bullied and my parents decided to move the whole family from Tokyo to the country, but once he moved onto high school, he tended to lock himself up his room again My brother was a so-called
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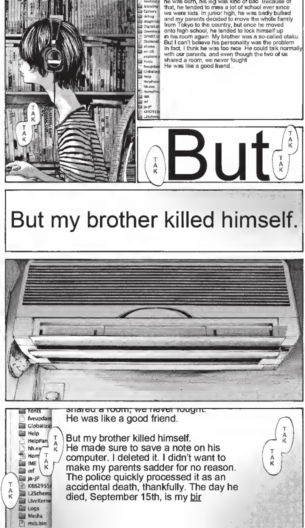

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He was like a good friend.

But

But my brother killed himself.

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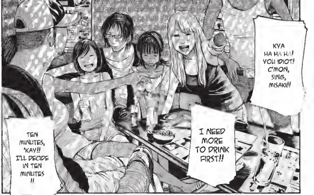
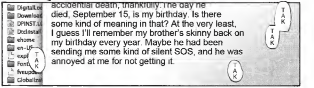
But my brother killed himself.
He made sure to save a note on his computer. I deleted it. I didn't want to make my parents sadder for no reason. The police quickly processed it as an accidental death, thankfully. The day he died, September 15th, is my bir


KYA HA HA HA! YOU IDIOT! C'MON, SING, MISAKI!!
I NEED MORE TO DRINK FIRST!!
TEN MINUTES, 'KAY!! I'LL DECIDE IN TEN MINUTES !!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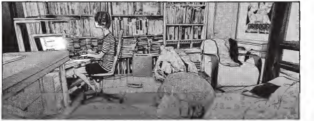
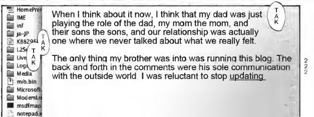
accidental death, thankfully. The day he died, September 15, is my birthday. Is there some kind of meaning in that? At the very least, I guess I'll remember my brother's skinny back on my birthday every year. Maybe he had been sending me some kind of silent SOS, and he was annoyed at me for not getting it.

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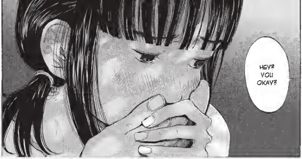
When I think about it now, I think that my dad was just playing the role of the dad, my mom the mom, and their sons the sons, and our relationship was actually one where we never talked about what we really felt.

The only thing my brother was into was running this blog. The back and forth in the comments were his sole communication with the outside world. I was reluctant to stop updating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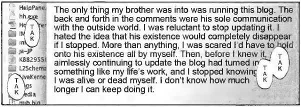
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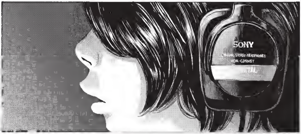
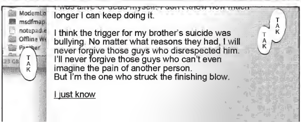
The only thing my brother was into was running this blog. The back and forth in the comments were his sole communication with the outside world. I was reluctant to stop updating it. I hated the idea that his existence would completely disappear if I stopped. More than anything, I was scared I'd have to hold onto his existence all by myself. Then, before I knew it, aimlessly continuing to update the blog had turned into something like my life's work, and I stopped knowing if I was alive or dead myself. I don't know how much longer I can keep doing it.

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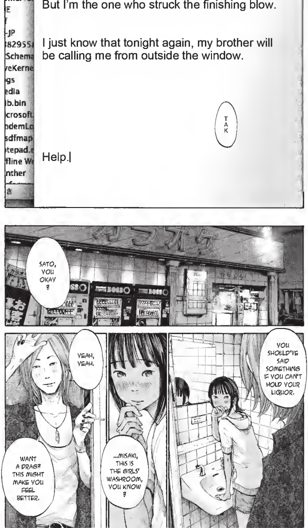
I think the trigger for my brother's suicide was bullying. No matter what reasons they had, I will never forgive those guys who disrespected him. I'll never forgive those guys who can't even imagine the pain of another person.
But I'm the one who struck the finishing blow.

I just know


But I'm the one who struck the finishing blow.
I just know that tonight again, my brother will be calling me from outside the window.
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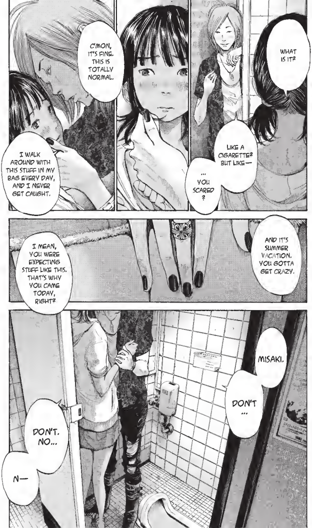
Help.
SATO, YOU OKAY?
YOU SHOULD'VE SAID SOMETHING IF YOU CAN'T HOLD YOUR LIQUOR.
...MISAKI, THIS IS THE GIRLS' WASHROOM, YOU KNOW?
YEAH, YEAH.
WANT A DRAG? THIS MIGHT MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER.


WHAT IS IT?
LIKE A CIGARETTE? BUT LIKE—
... YOU SCARED?
C'MON, IT'S FINE. THIS IS TOTALLY NORMAL.
I WALK AROUND WITH THIS STUFF IN MY BAG EVERY DAY, AND I NEVER GET CAUGHT.
AND IT'S SUMMER VACATION. YOU GOTTA GET CRAZY.
I MEAN, YOU WERE EXPECTING STUFF LIKE THIS. THAT'S WHY YOU CAME TODAY, RIGHT?
MISAKI.
DON'T ...
DON'T. NO...
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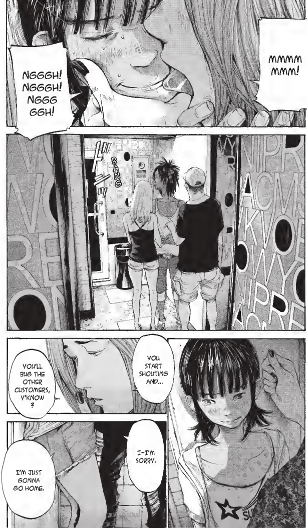
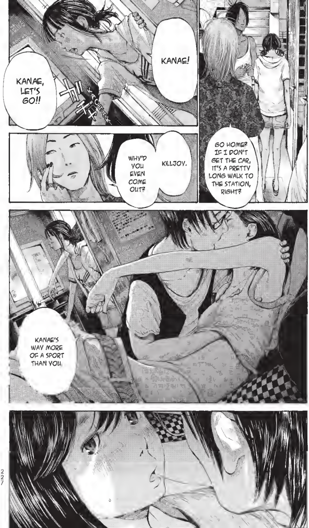
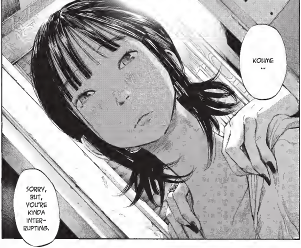

MMMM MMM!
NGGGH! NGGGH! NGGG GGH!
BANG
YOU START SHOUTING AND...
YOU'LL BUG THE OTHER CUSTOMERS, Y'KNOW?
I-I'M SORRY.
I'M JUST GONNA GO HOME.


KANAE!
KANAE, LET'S GO!!
YANK
GO HOME? IF I DON'T GET THE CAR, IT'S A PRETTY LONG WALK TO THE STATION, RIGHT?
KILLJOY.
WHY'D YOU EVEN COME OUT?
KANAE'S WAY MORE OF A SPORT THAN YOU.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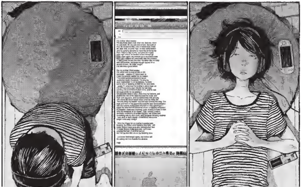
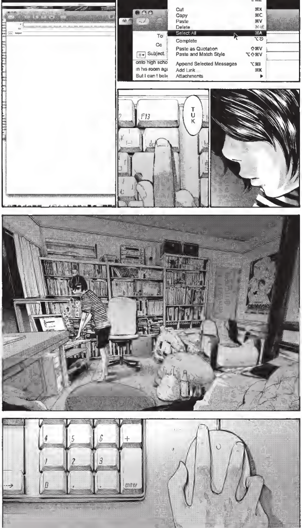
SORRY, BUT, YOU'RE KINDA INTER-RUPTING.

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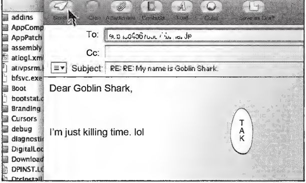
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Dear Goblin Shark,
I'm just killing time. lol
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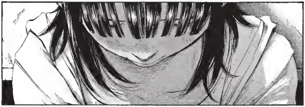

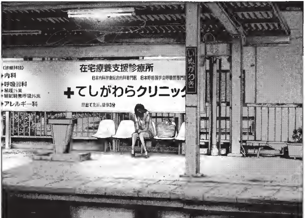
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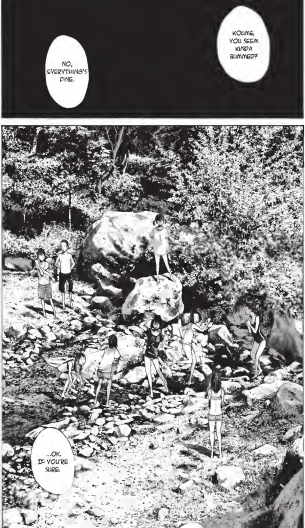
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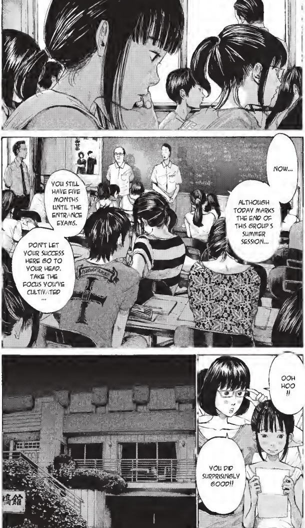
NO, EVERYTHING'S FINE.
...OK. IF YOU'RE SURE.


NOW...
ALTHOUGH TODAY MARKS THE END OF THIS GROUP'S SUMMER SESSION...
YOU STILL HAVE FIVE MONTHS UNTIL THE ENTRANCE EXAMS.
DON'T LET YOUR SUCCESS HERE GO TO YOUR HEAD. TAKE THE FOCUS YOU'VE CULTIVATED ...
OOH HOO !!
YOU DID SURPRISINGLY GOOD!!
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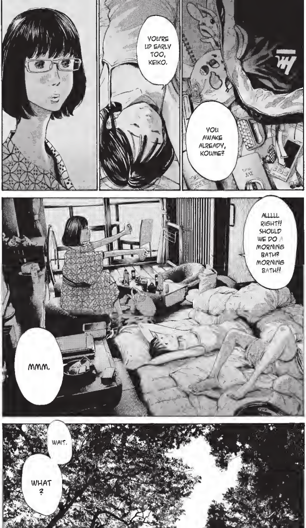
YOU AWAKE ALREADY, KOUME?
YOU'RE UP EARLY TOO, KEIKO.
ALLLLL RIGHT!! SHOULD WE DO A MORNING BATH? MORNING BATH!!
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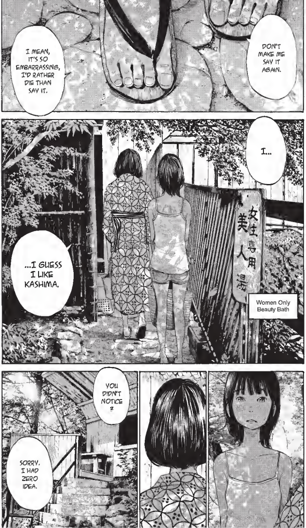
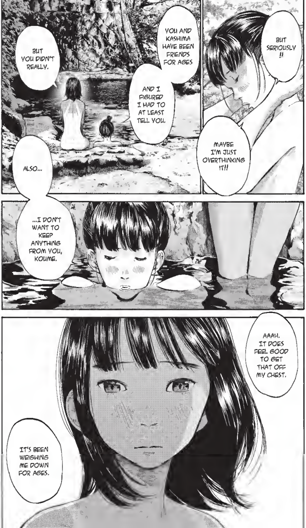
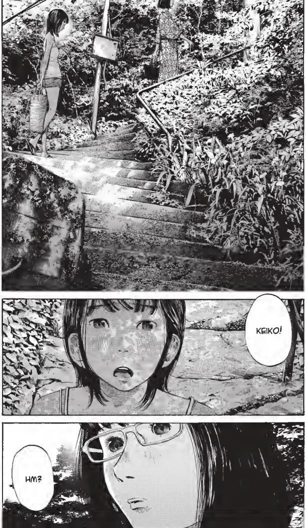

DON'T MAKE ME SAY IT AGAIN.
I MEAN, IT'S SO EMBARRASSING, I'D RATHER DIE THAN SAY IT.
I...
女性専用
美人湯
Women Only Beauty Bath
...I GUESS I LIKE KASHIMA.
YOU DIDN'T NOTICE?
SORRY, I HAD ZERO IDEA.


BUT SERIOUSLY !!
MAYBE I'M JUST OVERTHINKING IT!!
YOU AND KASHIMA HAVE BEEN FRIENDS FOR AGES
AND I FIGURED I HAD TO AT LEAST TELL YOU.
BUT YOU DIDN'T REALLY.
ALSO...
...I DON'T WANT TO KEEP ANYTHING FROM YOU, KOUME.
AAAH. IT DOES FEEL GOOD TO GET THAT OFF MY CHEST.
IT'S BEEN WEIGHING ME DOWN FOR AGES.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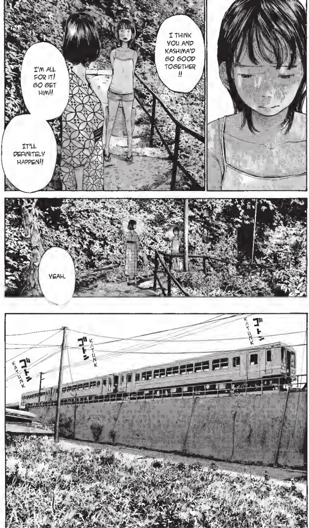
HM?


I THINK YOU AND KASHIMA'D GO GOOD TOGETHER !!
I'M ALL FOR IT! GO GET HIM!!
IT'LL DEFINITELY HAPPEN!!
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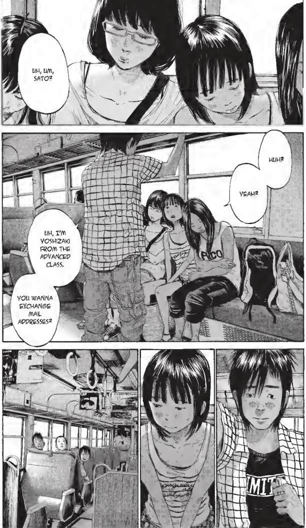
UH, UM, SATO?
HUH?
YEAH?
UH, I'M YOSHIZAKI FROM THE ADVANCED CLASS.
YOU WANNA EXCHANGE MAIL ADDRESSES?
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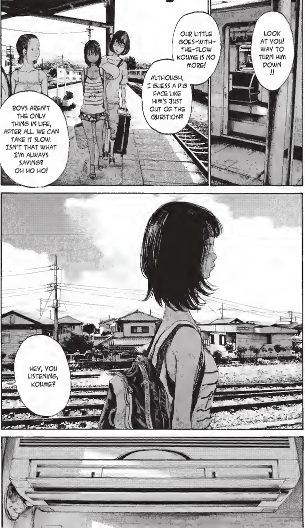
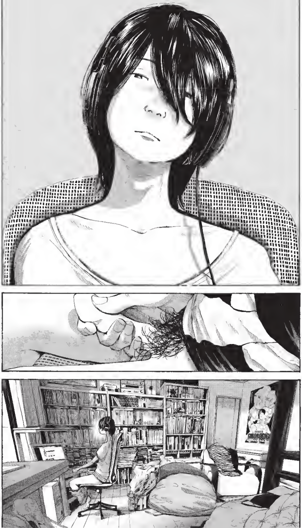
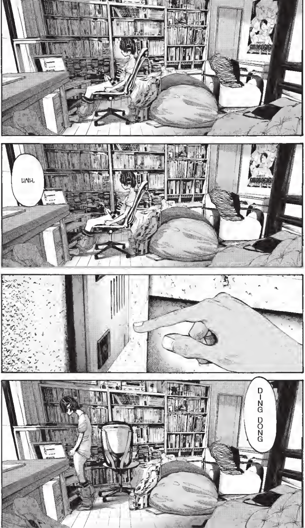

LOOK AT YOU! WAY TO TURN HIM DOWN !!
OUR LITTLE GOES-WITH-THE-FLOW KOUME IS NO MORE!
ALTHOUGH, I GUESS A PIG FACE LIKE HIM'S JUST OUT OF THE QUESTION?
BOYS AREN'T THE ONLY THING IN LIFE, AFTER ALL. WE CAN TAKE IT SLOW. ISN'T THAT WHAT I'M ALWAYS SAYING? OH HO HO!
HEY, YOU LISTENING, KOUME?

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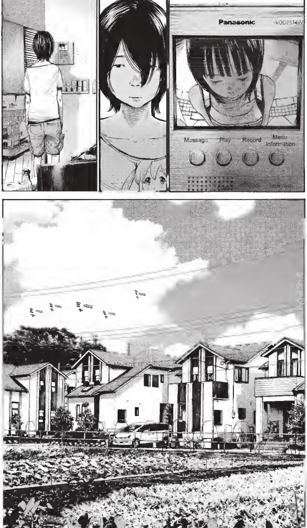
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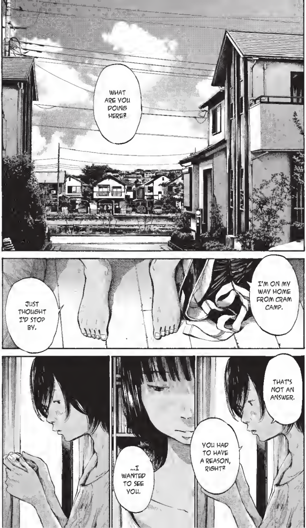
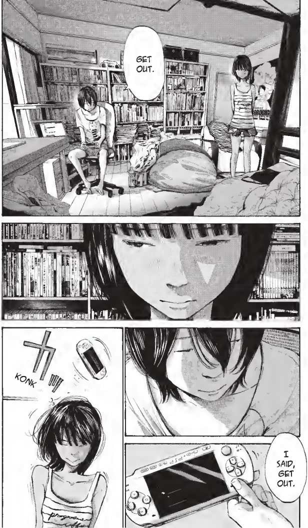
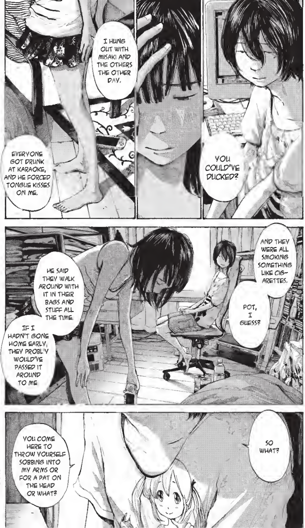
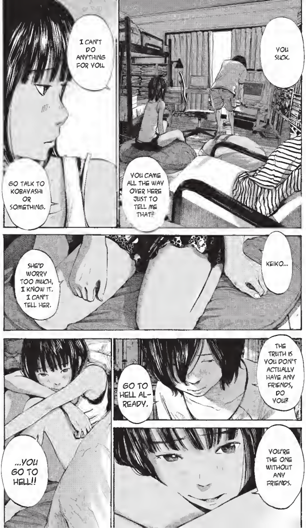
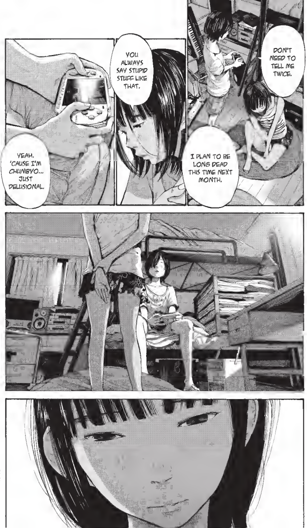
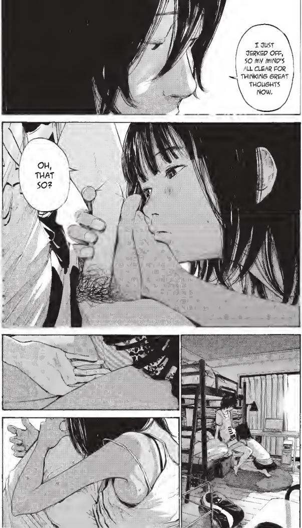

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
I'M ON MY WAY HOME FROM CRAM CAMP.
JUST THOUGHT I'D STOP BY.
THAT'S NOT AN ANSWER.
YOU HAD TO HAVE A REASON, RIGHT?
...I WANTED TO SEE YOU.


GET OUT.
I SAID, GET OUT.
KONK

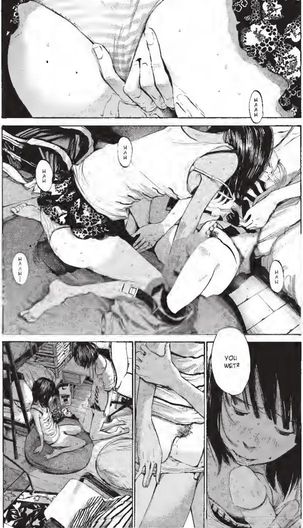

I HUNG OUT WITH MISAKI AND THE OTHERS THE OTHER DAY.
EVERYONE GOT DRUNK AT KARAOKE, AND HE FORCED TONGUE KISSES ON ME.
YOU COULD'VE DUCKED?
AND THEY WERE ALL SMOKING SOMETHING LIKE CIG-ARETTES.
POT, I GUESS?
HE SAID THEY WALK AROUND WITH IT IN THEIR BAGS AND STUFF ALL THE TIME.
IF I HADN'T GONE HOME EARLY, THEY PROBL'Y WOULD'VE PASSED IT AROUND TO ME.
SO WHAT?
YOU COME HERE TO THROW YOURSELF SOBBING INTO MY ARMS OR FOR A PAT ON THE HEAD OR WHAT?


YOU SUCK.
YOU CAME ALL THE WAY OVER HERE JUST TO TELL ME THAT?
I CAN'T DO ANYTHING FOR YOU.
GO TALK TO KOBAYASHI OR SOMETHING.
KEIKO...
SHE'D WORRY TOO MUCH, I KNOW IT. I CAN'T TELL HER.
THE TRUTH IS YOU DON'T ACTUALLY HAVE ANY FRIENDS, DO YOU?
GO TO HELL ALREADY.
YOU'RE THE ONE WITHOUT ANY FRIENDS.
...YOU GO TO HELL!!


DON'T NEED TO TELL ME TWICE.
I PLAN TO BE LONG DEAD THIS TIME NEXT MONTH.
YOU ALWAYS SAY STUPID STUFF LIKE THAT.
YEAH. 'CAUSE I'M *CHUNIBYO*... JUST DELUSIONAL.


I JUST JERKED OFF, SO MY MIND'S ALL CLEAR FOR THINKING GREAT THOUGHTS NOW.
OH, THAT SO?

AH!
NO NEED TO HOLD BACK, Y'KNOW.
MM!
NNGH ...
AH!
AAAAH.
AAAAAH.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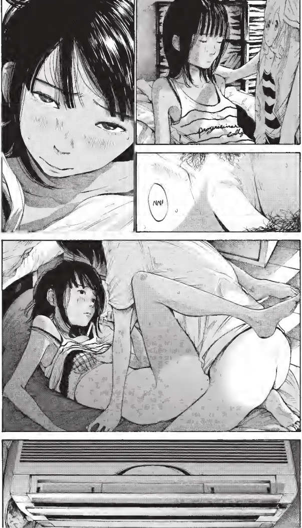
HAAH...
YOU WET?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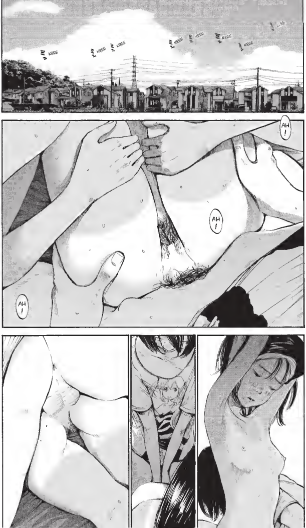
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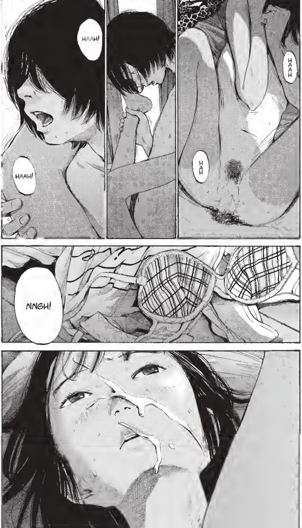
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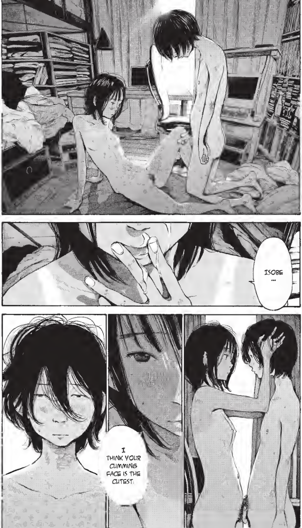
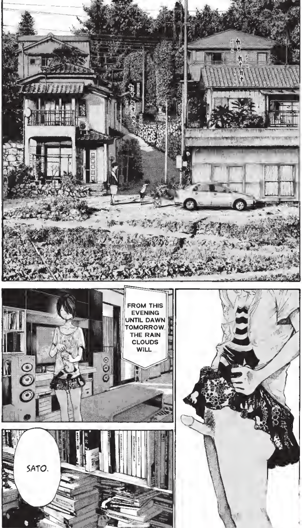
HAAH!
NNGH!


ISOBE ...
I THINK YOUR CUMMING FACE IS THE CUTEST.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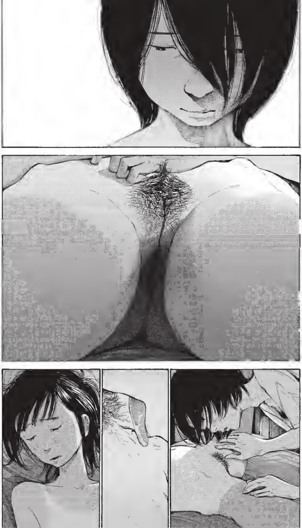
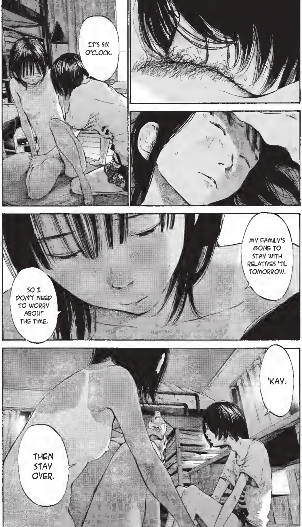
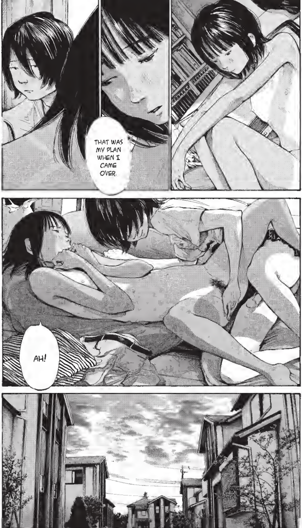
FROM THIS EVENING UNTIL DAWN TOMORROW, THE RAIN CLOUDS WILL
SATO.




IT'S SIX O'CLOCK.
MY FAMILY'S GONE TO STAY WITH RELATIVES 'TIL TOMORROW.
SO I DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT THE TIME.
'KAY.
THEN STAY OVER.


THAT WAS MY PLAN WHEN I CAME OVER
AH!

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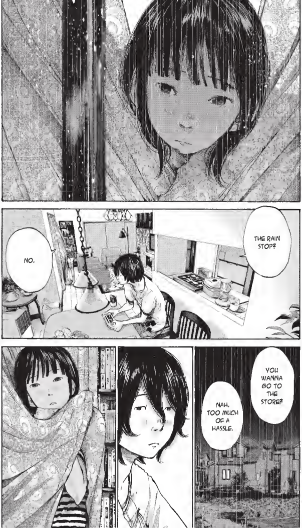
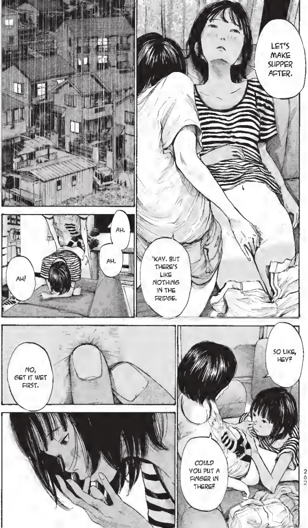
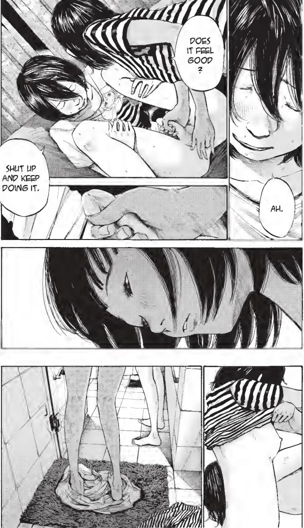
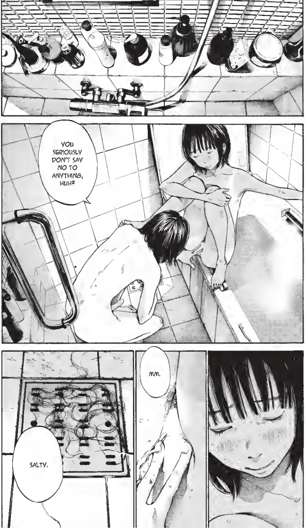
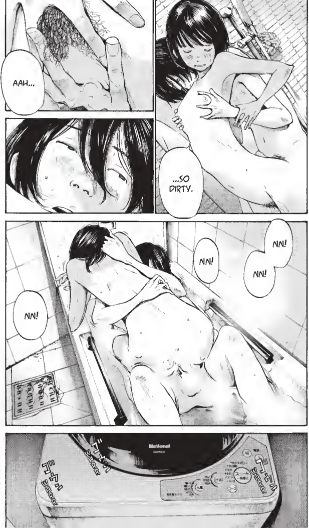

THE RAIN STOP?
NO.
YOU WANNA GO TO THE STORE?
NAH, TOO MUCH OF A HASSLE.


LET'S MAKE SUPPER AFTER.
'KAY. BUT THERE'S LIKE NOTHING IN THE FRIDGE.
AH.
AH.
AH!
SO LIKE, HEY?
COULD YOU PUT A FINGER IN THERE?
NO, GET IT WET FIRST.


DOES IT FEEL GOOD ?
SHUT UP AND KEEP DOING IT.
AH.


YOU SERIOUSLY DON'T SAY NO TO ANYTHING, HUH?
MM.
SALTY.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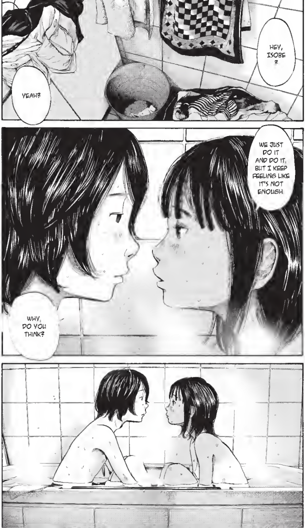
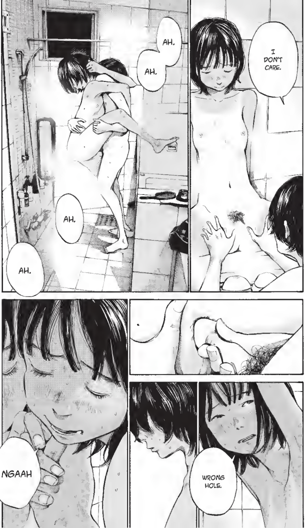
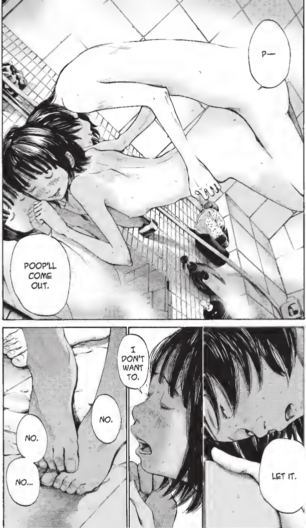

HEY, ISOBE?
YEAH?
WE JUST DO IT AND DO IT, BUT I KEEP FEELING LIKE IT'S NOT ENOUGH.
WHY, DO YOU THINK?


I DON'T CARE.
AH.
AH.
AH.
AH.
WRONG HOLE.
NGAAH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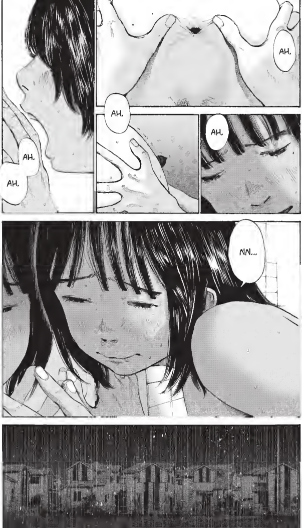
POOP'LL COME OUT.
NO.
NO.
NO...
I DON'T WANT TO.
LET IT.


AH.
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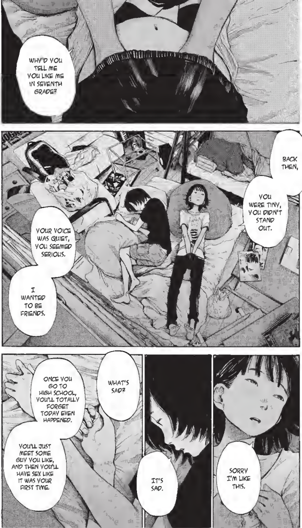
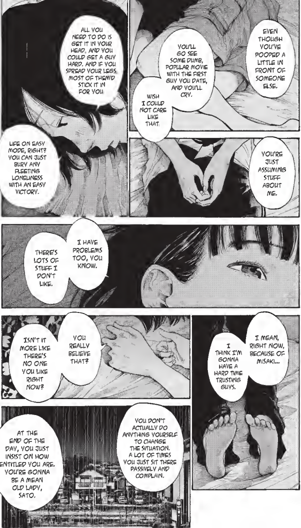
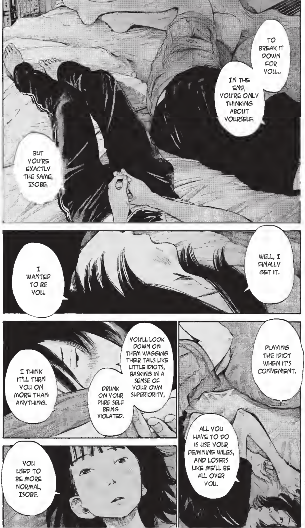
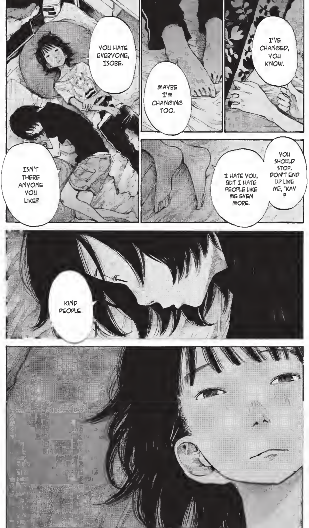
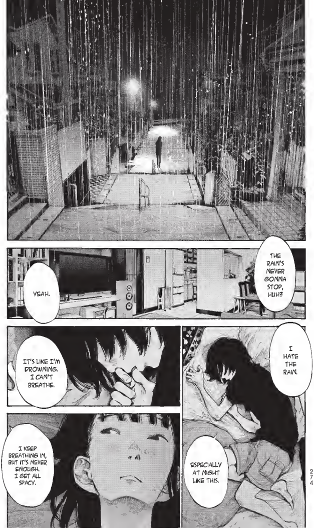
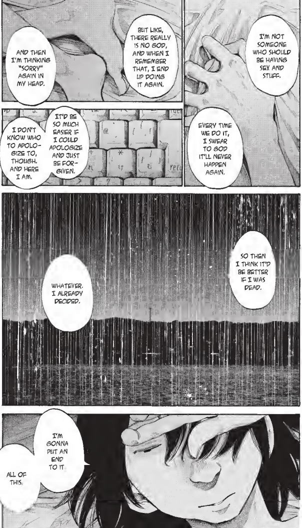

WHY'D YOU TELL ME YOU LIKE ME IN SEVENTH GRADE?
BACK THEN,
YOU WERE TINY, YOU DIDN'T STAND OUT.
YOUR VOICE WAS QUIET, YOU SEEMED SERIOUS.
I WANTED TO BE FRIENDS.
SORRY I'M LIKE THIS.
IT'S SAD.
WHAT'S SAD?
ONCE YOU GO TO HIGH SCHOOL, YOU'LL TOTALLY FORGET TODAY EVEN HAPPENED.
YOU'LL JUST MEET SOME GUY YOU LIKE, AND THEN YOU'LL HAVE SEX LIKE IT WAS YOUR FIRST TIME.

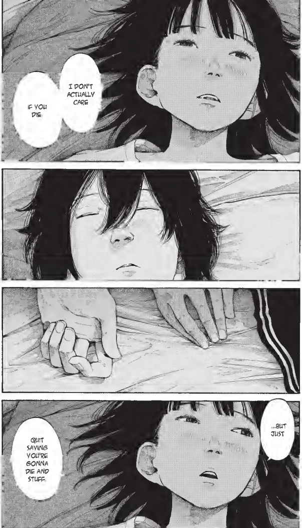

EVEN THOUGH YOU'VE POOPED A LITTLE IN FRONT OF SOMEONE ELSE.
YOU'LL GO SEE SOME DUMB, POPULAR MOVIE WITH THE FIRST GUY YOU DATE, AND YOU'LL CRY.
WISH I COULD NOT CARE LIKE THAT.
ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS GET IT IN YOUR HEAD, AND YOU COULD GET A GUY HARD. AND IF YOU SPREAD YOUR LEGS, MOST OF THEM'D STICK IT IN FOR YOU.
LIFE ON EASY MODE, RIGHT? YOU CAN JUST BURY ANY FLEETING LONELINESS WITH AN EASY VICTORY.
YOU'RE JUST ASSUMING STUFF ABOUT ME.
I HAVE PROBLEMS TOO, YOU KNOW.
THERE'S LOTS OF STUFF I DON'T LIKE.
I MEAN, RIGHT NOW, BECAUSE OF MISAKI...
I THINK I'M GONNA HAVE A HARD TIME TRUSTING GUYS.
YOU REALLY BELIEVE THAT?
ISN'T IT MORE LIKE THERE'S NO ONE YOU LIKE RIGHT NOW?
YOU DON'T ACTUALLY DO ANYTHING YOURSELF TO CHANGE THE SITUATION. A LOT OF TIMES YOU JUST SIT THERE PASSIVELY AND COMPLAIN.
AT THE END OF THE DAY, YOU JUST INSIST ON HOW ENTITLED YOU ARE. YOU'RE GONNA BE A MEAN OLD LADY, SATO.

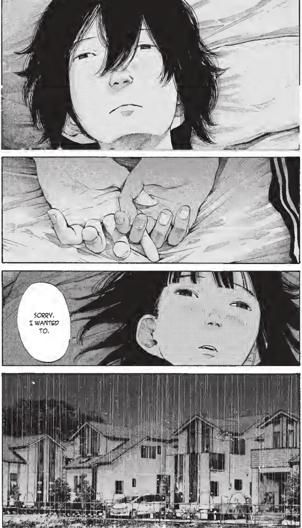

TO BREAK IT DOWN FOR YOU...
IN THE END, YOU'RE ONLY THINKING ABOUT YOURSELF.
BUT YOU'RE EXACTLY THE SAME, ISOBE.
WELL, I FINALLY GET IT.
I WANTED TO BE YOU.
PLAYING THE IDIOT WHEN IT'S CONVENIENT.
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS USE YOUR FEMININE WILES, AND LOSERS LIKE ME'LL BE ALL OVER YOU.
YOU'LL LOOK DOWN ON THEM WAGGING THEIR TAILS LIKE LITTLE IDIOTS, BASKING IN A SENSE OF YOUR OWN SUPERIORITY,
DRUNK ON YOUR PURE SELF BEING VIOLATED.
I THINK IT'LL TURN YOU ON MORE THAN ANYTHING.
YOU USED TO BE MORE NORMAL, ISOBE.

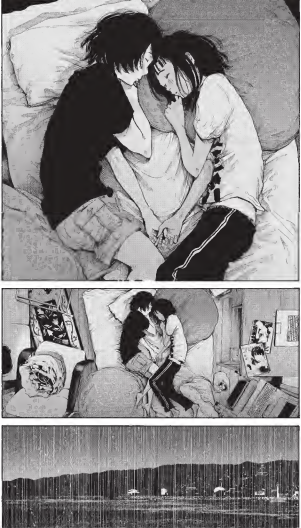

I'VE CHANGED, YOU KNOW.
MAYBE I'M CHANGING TOO.
YOU SHOULD STOP. DON'T END UP LIKE ME, 'KAY ?
I HATE YOU, BUT I HATE PEOPLE LIKE ME EVEN MORE.
YOU HATE EVERYONE, ISOBE.
ISN'T THERE ANYONE YOU LIKE?
KIND PEOPLE.


THE RAIN'S NEVER GONNA STOP, HUH?
YEAH.
I HATE THE RAIN.
ESPECIALLY AT NIGHT LIKE THIS.
IT'S LIKE I'M DROWNING. I CAN'T BREATHE.
I KEEP BREATHING IN, BUT IT'S NEVER ENOUGH. I GET ALL SPACY.


I'M NOT SOMEONE WHO SHOULD BE HAVING SEX AND STUFF.
EVERY TIME WE DO IT, I SWEAR TO GOD IT'LL NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN.
BUT LIKE, THERE REALLY IS NO GOD, AND WHEN I REMEMBER THAT, I END UP DOING IT AGAIN.
AND THEN I'M THINKING "SORRY" AGAIN IN MY HEAD.
IT'D BE SO MUCH EASIER IF I COULD APOLOGIZE AND JUST BE FORGIVEN.
I DON'T KNOW WHO TO APOLOGIZE TO, THOUGH. AND HERE I AM.
SO THEN I THINK IT'D BE BETTER IF I WAS DEAD.
WHATEVER. I ALREADY DECIDED.
I'M GONNA PUT AN END TO IT.
ALL OF THIS.


I DON'T ACTUALLY CARE
IF YOU DIE
...BUT JUST
QUIT SAYING YOU'RE GONNA DIE AND STUFF.


SORRY. I WANTED TO.



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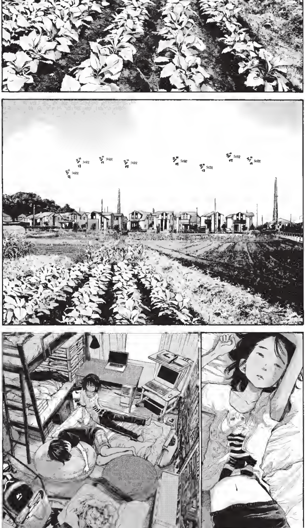
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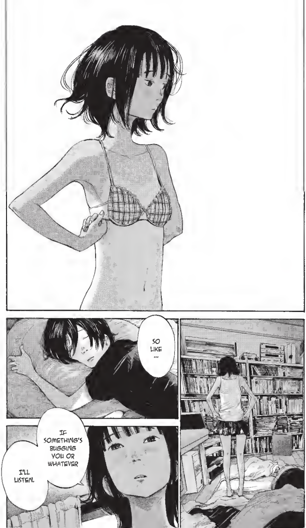
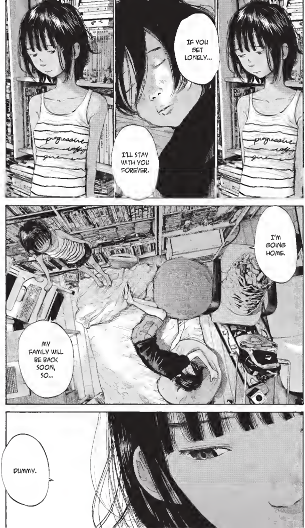
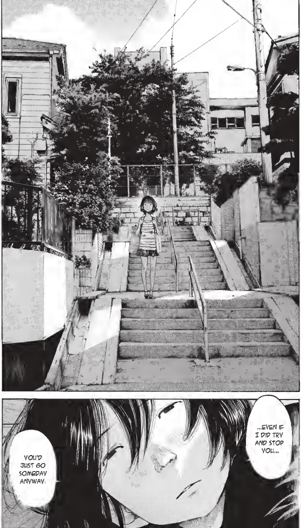
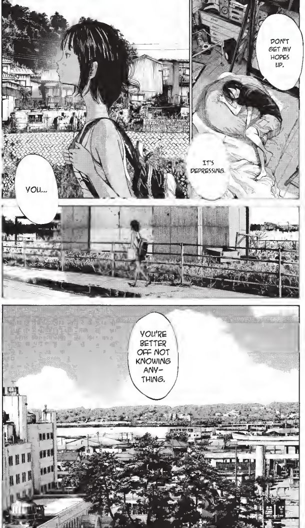
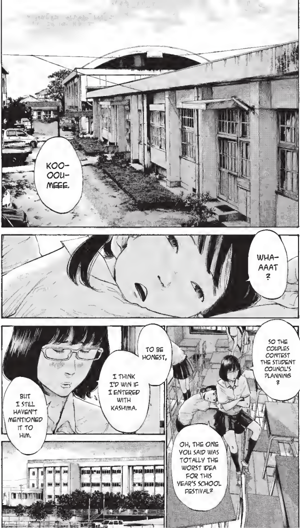
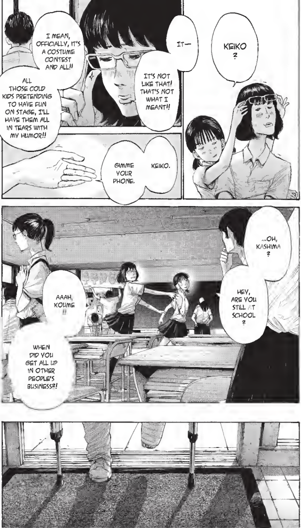

SO LIKE ...
IF SOMETHING'S BUGGING YOU OR WHATEVER
I'LL LISTEN.

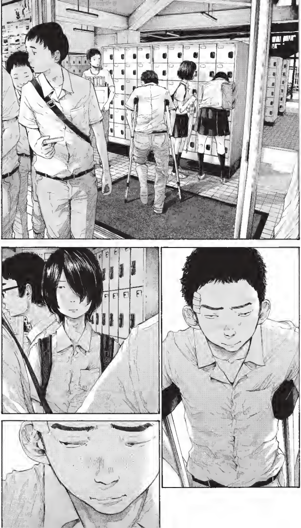

IF YOU GET LONELY...
I'LL STAY WITH YOU FOREVER.
I'M GOING HOME.
MY FAMILY WILL BE BACK SOON, SO...
DUMMY.

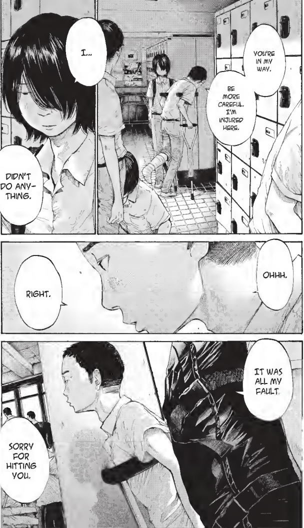

...EVEN IF I DID TRY AND STOP YOU...
YOU'D JUST GO SOMEDAY ANYWAY.

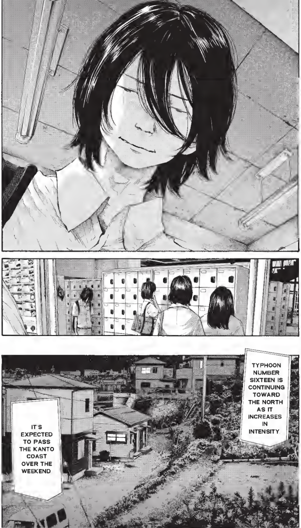

DON'T GET MY HOPES UP.
IT'S DEPRESSING.
YOU...
YOU'RE BETTER OFF NOT KNOWING ANYTHING.

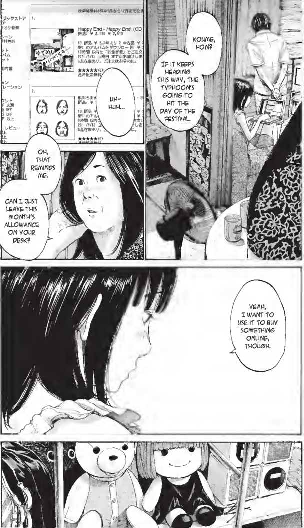

KOO-OOU-MEEE.
WHA-AAAT?
SO THE COUPLES CONTEST THE STUDENT COUNCIL'S PLANNING?
OH, THE ONE YOU SAID WAS TOTALLY THE WORST IDEA FOR THIS YEAR'S SCHOOL FESTIVAL?
TO BE HONEST,
I THINK I'D WIN IF I ENTERED WITH KASHIMA.
BUT I STILL HAVEN'T MENTIONED IT TO HIM.

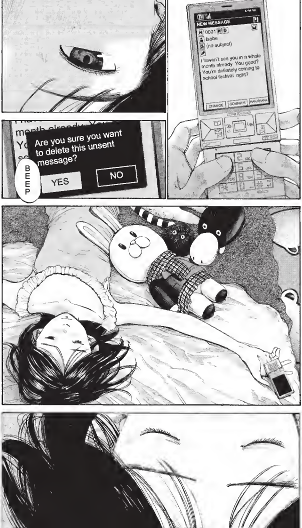

KEIKO ?
IT—
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT! THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT!!
I MEAN, OFFICIALLY, IT'S A COSTUME CONTEST AND ALL!!
ALL THOSE COLD KIDS PRETENDING TO HAVE FUN ON STAGE, I'LL HAVE THEM ALL IN TEARS WITH MY HUMOR!!
KEIKO.
GIMME YOUR PHONE.
...OH, KASHIMA ?
HEY, ARE YOU STILL AT SCHOOL ?
AAAH, KOUME !!
WHEN DID YOU GET ALL UP IN OTHER PEOPLE'S BUSINESS?!




YOU'RE IN MY WAY.
BE MORE CAREFUL. I'M INJURED HERE.
I...
DIDN'T DO ANYTHING.
OHHH.
RIGHT.
IT WAS ALL MY FAULT.
SORRY FOR HITTING YOU.


TYPHOON NUMBER SIXTEEN IS CONTINUING TOWARD THE NORTH AS IT INCREASES IN INTENSITY
IT'S EXPECTED TO PASS THE KANTO COAST OVER THE WEEKEND


KOUME, HON?
IF IT KEEPS HEADING THIS WAY, THE TYPHOON'S GOING TO HIT THE DAY OF THE FESTIVAL.
Happy End - Happy End (CD
UH-HUH...
OH, THAT REMINDS ME.
CAN I JUST LEAVE THIS MONTH'S ALLOWANCE ON YOUR DESK?
YEAH, I WANT TO USE IT TO BUY SOMETHING ONLINE, THOUGH.

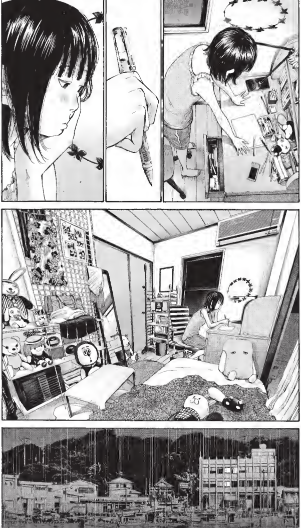

NEW MESSAGE
0001
Isobe
(no subject)

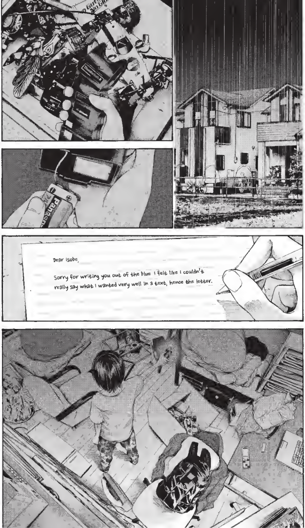
I haven't see you in a whole month already You good? You're definitely coming to school festival night?

CHANGE
CONFIRM
KANJI/KANA

Are you sure you want to delete this unsent message?

YES
NO
BEEP





Dear Isobe,

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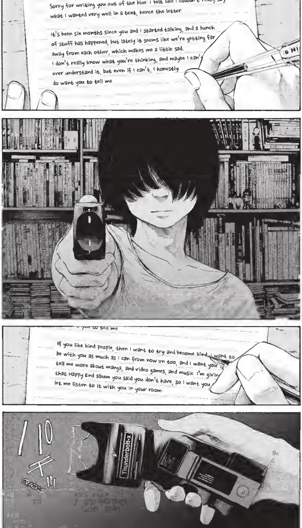

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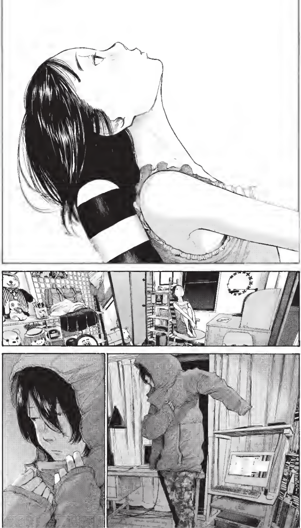
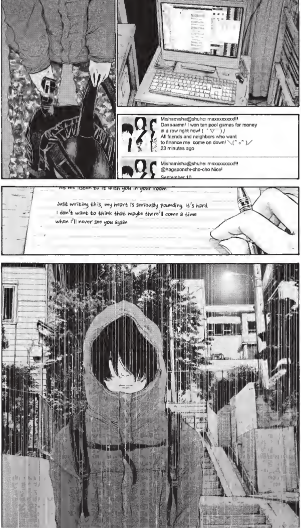
what I wanted very well in a text, hence the letter

It's been six months since you and I started talking, and a bunch
of stuff has happened, but lately it seems like we're getting far
away from each other, which makes me a little sad
I don't really know what you're thinking, and maybe I can't
ever understand it, but even if I can't, I honestly
do want you to tell me

you to tell me

If you like kind people, then I want to try and become kind I want to
be with you as much as I can from now on too, and I want you
tell me more about manga, and video games, and music I'm givin
that Happy End album you said you don't have, so I want you
let me listen to it with you in your room



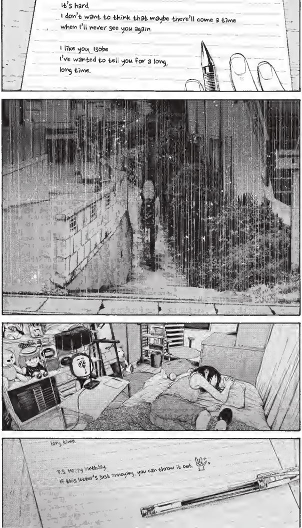


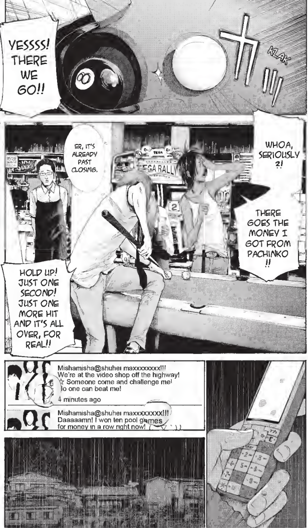
Mishamisha@shuhei maxxxxxxxx!!!
Daaaaamn! I won ten pool games for money in a row right now! (´▽`))
All friends and neighbors who want to finance me come on down! \(^ o^)/
23 minutes ago

Mishamisha@shuhei maxxxxxxxx!!!
@hageponchi-cho-cho Nice!
September 10

let me listen to it with you in your room

Just writing this, my heart is seriously pounding. It's hard
I don't want to think that maybe there'll come a time
when I'll never see you again

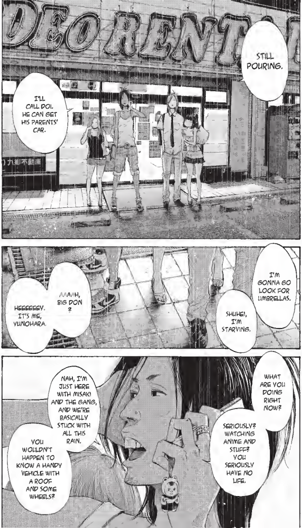

It's hard
I don't want to think that maybe there'll come a time
when I'll never see you again
I like you, Isobe
I've wanted to tell you for a long,
long time.
long time.
P.S. Happy birthday
If this letter's just annoying, you can throw it out.

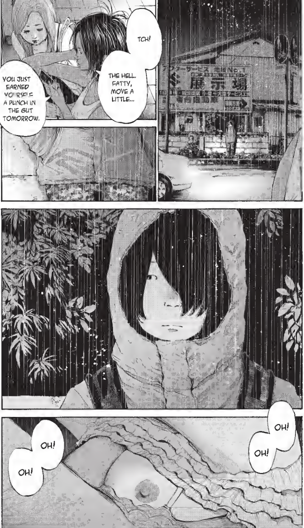

KLAK
YESSSS! THERE WE GO!!
WHOA, SERIOUSLY?!
THERE GOES THE MONEY I GOT FROM PACHINKO!!
ER, IT'S ALREADY PAST CLOSING.
HOLD UP! JUST ONE SECOND! JUST ONE MORE HIT AND IT'S ALL OVER, FOR REAL!!
SEGA RALLY

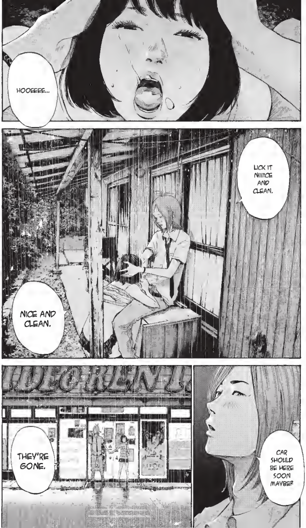
Mishamisha@shuhei maxxxxxxxx!!!
We're at the video shop off the highway!
☆ Someone come and challenge me!
No one can beat me!

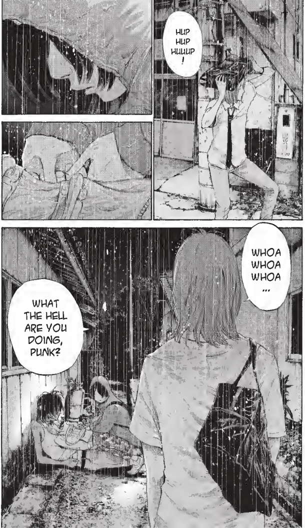
4 minutes ago

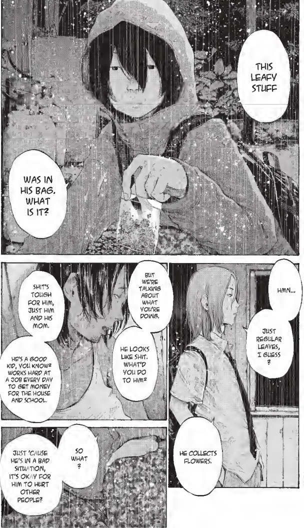
Mishamisha@shuhei maxxxxxxxx!!!
Daaaaamn! I won ten pool games for money in a row right now!

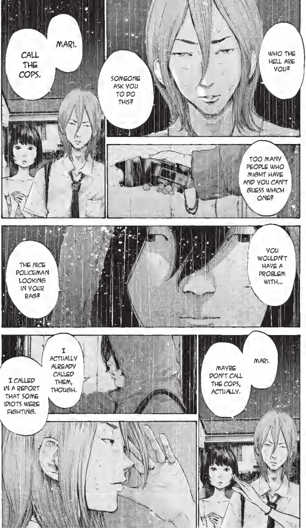

DEO RENT
STILL POURING.
I'LL CALL DOI. HE CAN GET HIS PARENTS' CAR.
I'M GONNA GO LOOK FOR UMBRELLAS.
SHUHEI, I'M STARVING.
AAAAH, BIG DON?
HEEEEEEY. IT'S ME, YUNOHARA.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING RIGHT NOW?
SERIOUSLY? WATCHING ANIME AND STUFF? YOU SERIOUSLY HAVE NO LIFE.
NAH, I'M JUST HERE WITH MISAKI AND THE GANG, AND WE'RE BASICALLY STUCK WITH ALL THIS RAIN.
YOU WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO KNOW A HANDY VEHICLE WITH A ROOF AND SOME WHEELS?

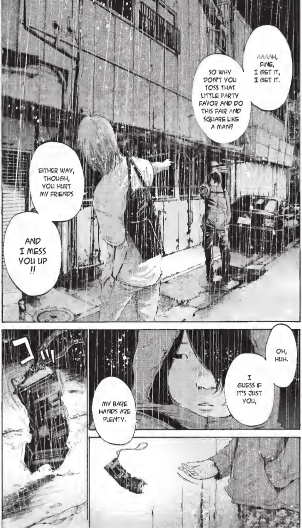

TCH!
THE HELL, FATTY, MOVE A LITTLE...
YOU JUST EARNED YOURSELF A PUNCH IN THE GUT TOMORROW.
展示場
OH!
OH!
OH!
OH!

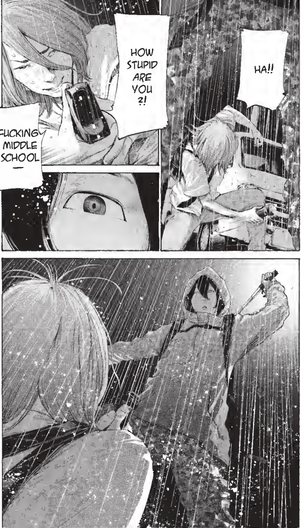

HOOEEEE...
LICK IT NIIIICE AND CLEAN.
NICE AND CLEAN.
CAR SHOULD BE HERE SOON MAYBE?
THEY'RE GONE.

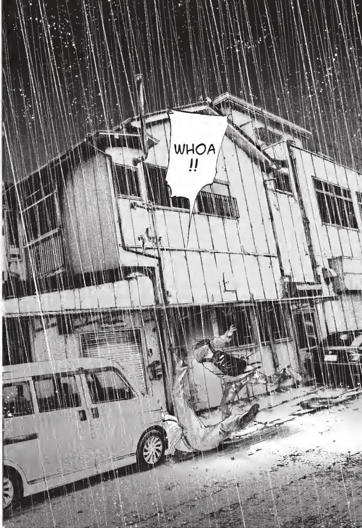

HUP
HUP
HUUUP
!
WHOA WHOA WHOA ...
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING, PUNK?


THIS LEAFY STUFF
WAS IN HIS BAG. WHAT IS IT?
HMN...
JUST REGULAR LEAVES, I GUESS ?
HE COLLECTS FLOWERS.
SHIT'S TOUGH FOR HIM, JUST HIM AND HIS MOM.
HE'S A GOOD KID, YOU KNOW? WORKS HARD AT A JOB EVERY DAY TO GET MONEY FOR THE HOUSE AND SCHOOL.
BUT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE DOING.
HE LOOKS LIKE SHIT. WHAT'D YOU DO TO HIM?
SO WHAT ?
JUST 'CAUSE HE'S IN A BAD SITUATION, IT'S OKAY FOR HIM TO HURT OTHER PEOPLE?


WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?
SOMEONE ASK YOU TO DO THIS?
MARI.
CALL THE COPS.
TOO MANY PEOPLE WHO MIGHT HAVE AND YOU CAN'T GUESS WHICH ONE?
YOU WOULDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH...
THE NICE POLICEMAN LOOKING IN YOUR BAG?
MARI.
MAYBE DON'T CALL THE COPS, ACTUALLY.
I ACTUALLY ALREADY CALLED THEM, THOUGH.
I CALLED IN A REPORT THAT SOME IDIOTS WERE FIGHTING.


AAAAH, FINE, I GET IT, I GET IT.
SO WHY DON'T YOU TOSS THAT LITTLE PARTY FAVOR AND DO THIS FAIR AND SQUARE LIKE A MAN?
EITHER WAY, THOUGH, YOU HURT MY FRIENDS
AND I MESS YOU UP !!
OH, HUH.
I GUESS IF IT'S JUST YOU,
MY BARE HANDS ARE PLENTY.
KLINK


HA!!
HOW STUPID ARE YOU ?!
FUCKING MIDDLE SCHOOL —


WHOA
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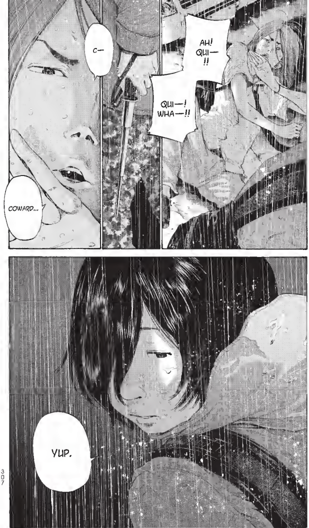
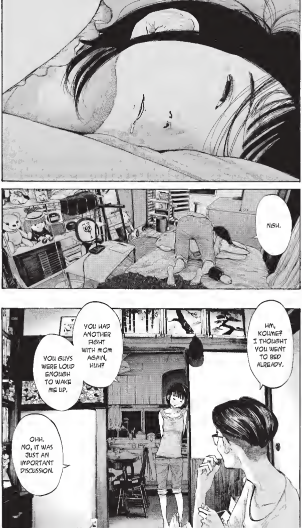
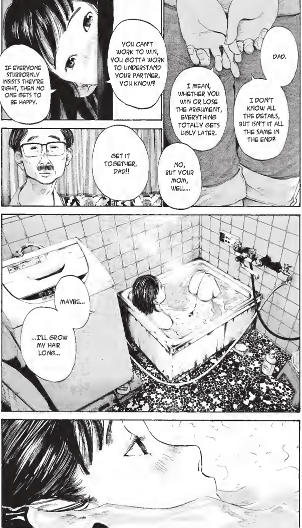
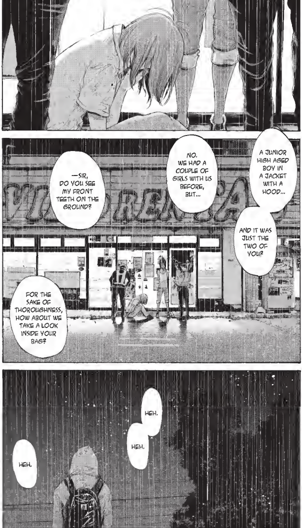
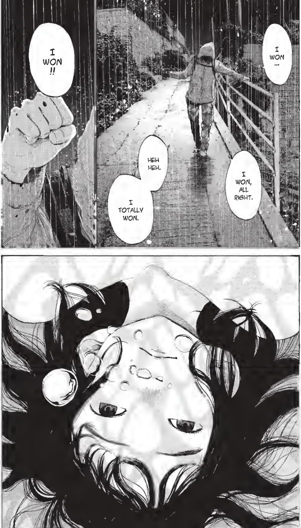
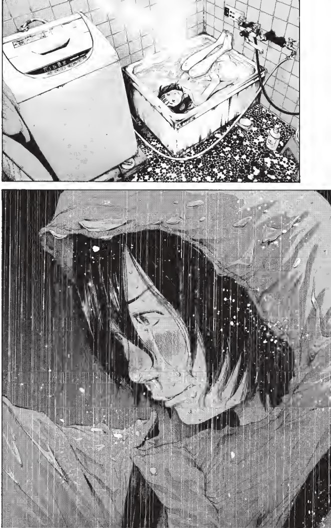

AH! QUI—!!
QUI—! WHA—!!
C—
COWARD...
YUP.

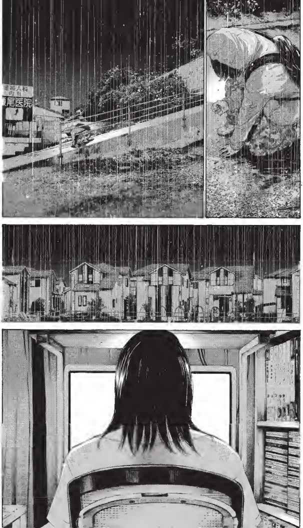

NGH.
HM, KOUME? I THOUGHT YOU WENT TO BED ALREADY.
YOU HAD ANOTHER FIGHT WITH MOM AGAIN, HUH?
YOU GUYS WERE LOUD ENOUGH TO WAKE ME UP.
OHH. NO, IT WAS JUST AN IMPORTANT DISCUSSION.

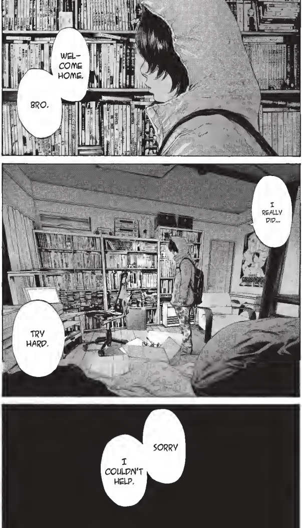

DAD.
I DON'T KNOW ALL THE DETAILS, BUT ISN'T IT ALL THE SAME IN THE END?
I MEAN, WHETHER YOU WIN OR LOSE THE ARGUMENT, EVERYTHING TOTALLY GETS UGLY LATER.
YOU CAN'T WORK TO WIN, YOU GOTTA WORK TO UNDERSTAND YOUR PARTNER, YOU KNOW?
IF EVERYONE STUBBORNLY INSISTS THEY'RE RIGHT, THEN NO ONE GETS TO BE HAPPY.
NO, BUT YOUR MOM, WELL...
GET IT TOGETHER, DAD!!
MAYBE...
...I'LL GROW MY HAIR LONG...


A JUNIOR HIGH AGED BOY IN A JACKET WITH A HOOD...
NO. WE HAD A COUPLE OF GIRLS WITH US BEFORE, BUT...
—SIR, DO YOU SEE MY FRONT TEETH ON THE GROUND?
AND IT WAS JUST THE TWO OF YOU?
FOR THE SAKE OF THOROUGHNESS, HOW ABOUT WE TAKE A LOOK INSIDE YOUR BAG?
HEH.
HEH.
HEH.


I WON ...
I WON, ALL RIGHT.
HEH HEH.
I TOTALLY WON.
I WON !!




産婦人科
内科
尾医院


WEL-COME HOME,
BRO.
I REALLY DID...
TRY HARD.
SORRY
I COULDN'T HELP.

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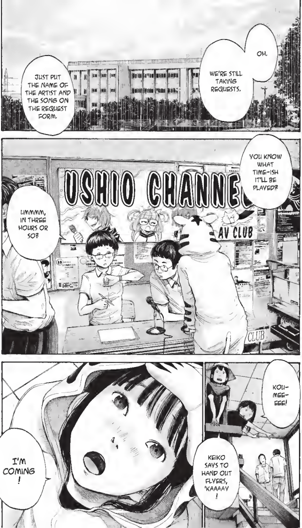
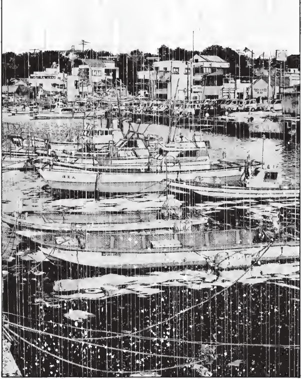

OH.
WE'RE STILL TAKING REQUESTS.
JUST PUT THE NAME OF THE ARTIST AND THE SONG ON THE REQUEST FORM.
YOU KNOW WHAT TIME-ISH IT'LL BE PLAYED?
UMMMM, IN THREE HOURS OR SO?
USHIO CHANNE
AV CLUB
CLUB
KOU-MEE-EEE!
KEIKO SAYS TO HAND OUT FLYERS, 'KAAAAY!
I'M COMING!



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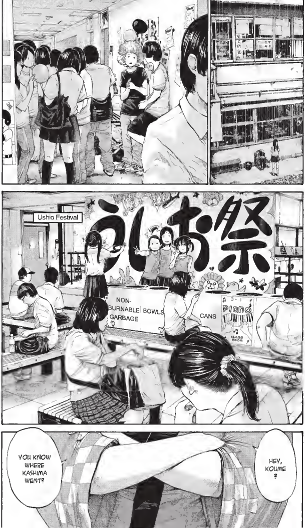
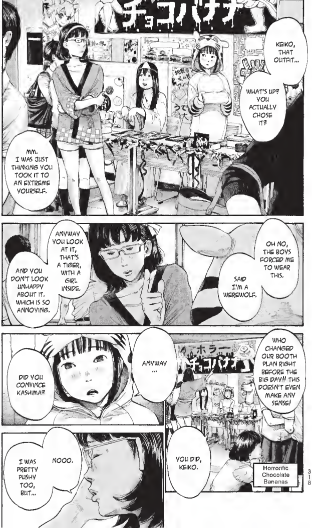
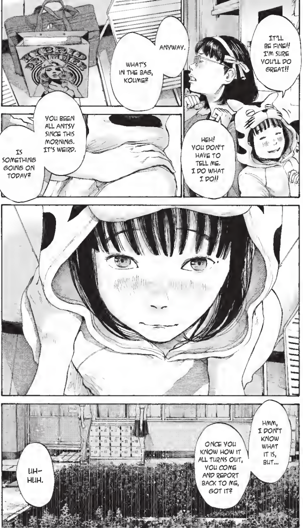
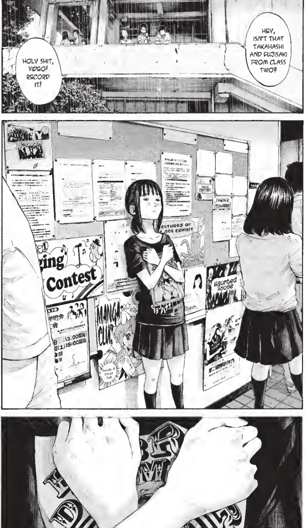
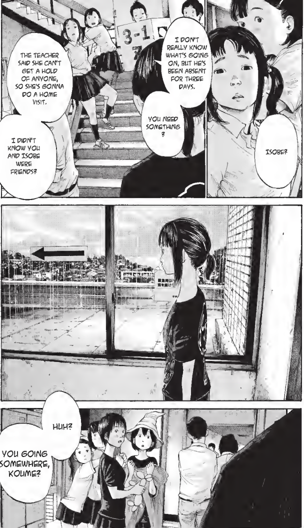
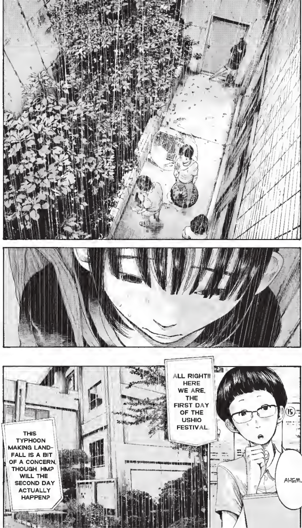

Ushio Festival
うしお祭
CANS
BOWLS
NON-BURNABLE GARBAGE
3-1
Piano
CLASS ROOM
HEY, KOUME ?
YOU KNOW WHERE KASHIMA WENT?

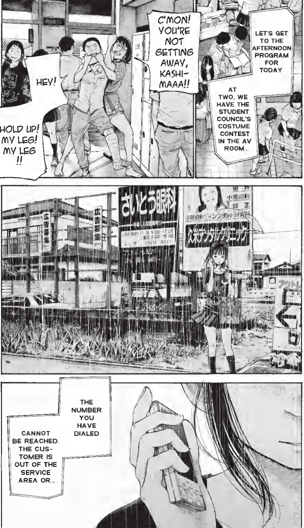

チョコバナナ
KEIKO, THAT OUTFIT...
WHAT'S UP? YOU ACTUALLY CHOSE IT?
MM. I WAS JUST THINKING YOU TOOK IT TO AN EXTREME YOURSELF.
OH NO, THE BOYS FORCED ME TO WEAR THIS.
SAID I'M A WEREWOLF.
ANYWAY YOU LOOK AT IT, THAT'S A TIGER, WITH A GIRL INSIDE.
AND YOU DON'T LOOK UNHAPPY ABOUT IT. WHICH IS SO ANNOYING.
ホラーチョコバナナ
WHO CHANGED OUR BOOTH PLAN RIGHT BEFORE THE BIG DAY!! THIS DOESN'T EVEN MAKE ANY SENSE!
ANYWAY ...
DID YOU CONVINCE KASHIMA?
YOU DID, KEIKO.
Horrorific Chocolate Bananas
NOOO.
I WAS PRETTY PUSHY TOO, BUT...

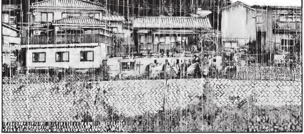

IT'LL BE FINE!! I'M SURE YOU'LL DO GREAT!!
ANYWAY.
WHAT'S IN THE BAG, KOUME?
HEH! YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME. I DO WHAT I DO!!
YOU BEEN ALL ANTSY SINCE THIS MORNING. IT'S WEIRD.
IS SOMETHING GOING ON TODAY?
HMM, I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS, BUT...
ONCE YOU KNOW HOW IT ALL TURNS OUT, YOU COME AND REPORT BACK TO ME, GOT IT?
UH-HUH.

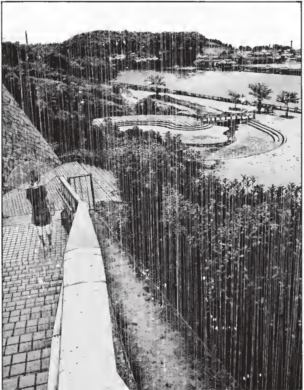

HEY, ISN'T THAT TAKAHASHI AND FUJISAKI FROM CLASS TWO?
HOLY SHIT, VIDEO! RECORD IT!
zing Contest
EATURES OF SEA EXHIBIT
MANGA CLUB
Grade 2 Class Two
Haunted House

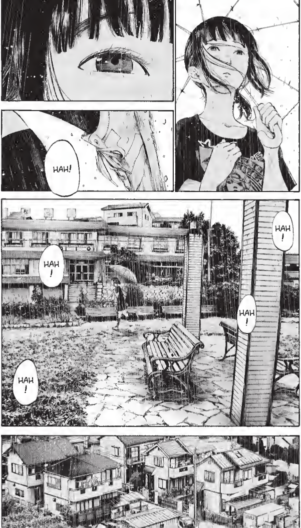

ISOBE?
I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON, BUT HE'S BEEN ABSENT FOR THREE DAYS.
YOU NEED SOMETHING?
3-1
THE TEACHER SAID SHE CAN'T GET A HOLD OF ANYONE, SO SHE'S GONNA DO A HOME VISIT.
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU AND ISOBE WERE FRIENDS?
HUH?
YOU GOING SOMEWHERE, KOUME?

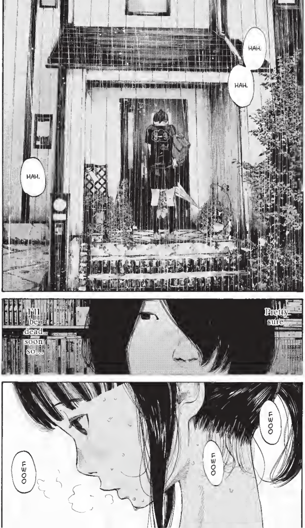

AHEM.
ALL RIGHT!! HERE WE ARE, THE FIRST DAY OF THE USHIO FESTIVAL.
THIS TYPHOON MAKING LANDFALL IS A BIT OF A CONCERN, THOUGH. HM? WILL THE SECOND DAY ACTUALLY HAPPEN?
⑮

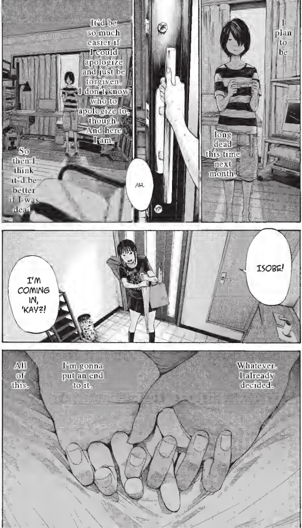

LET'S GET TO THE AFTERNOON PROGRAM FOR TODAY
AT TWO, WE HAVE THE STUDENT COUNCIL'S COSTUME CONTEST IN THE AV ROOM.
C'MON! YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAY, KASHI-MAAA!!
HEY!
HOLD UP! MY LEG! MY LEG!!
さいとう眼科
広告募集
THE NUMBER YOU HAVE DIALED
CANNOT BE REACHED. THE CUS-TOMER IS OUT OF THE SERVICE AREA OR...

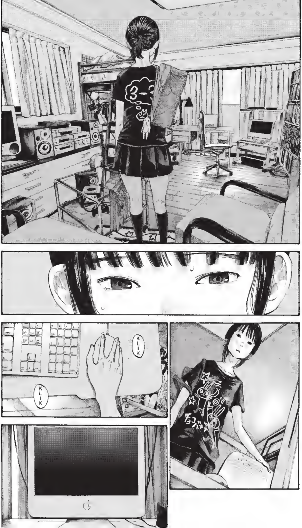


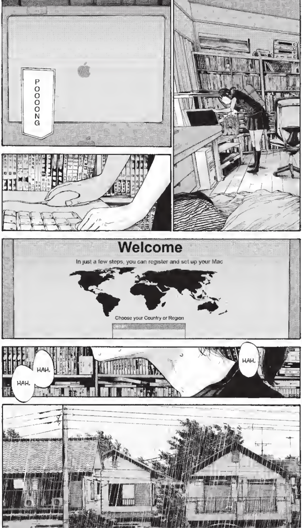


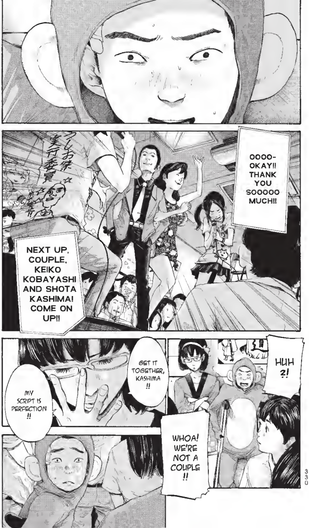

HAH!
HAH!
HAH!
HAH!
HAH!

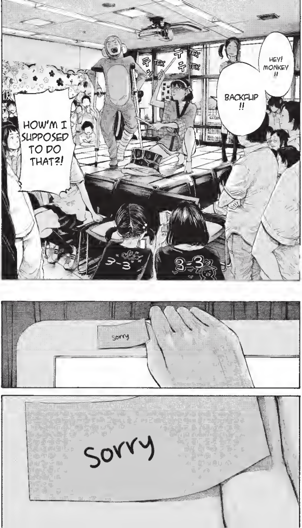

HAH.
HAH.
HAH.
Pretty sure
I'll be dead soon so...
FWOO
FWOO
FWOO

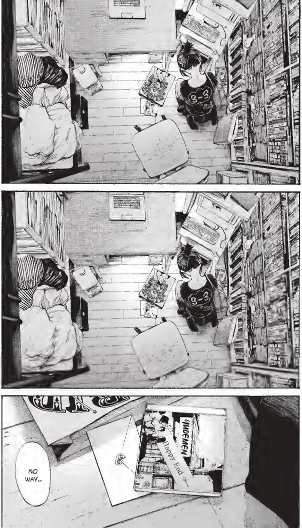

I plan to be long dead this time next month.
AH.
It'd be so much easier if I could apologize and just be forgiven. I don't know who to apologize to, though. And here I am.
So then I think it'd be better if I was dead.
ISOBE!
I'M COMING IN, 'KAY?!
Whatever. I already decided.
I'm gonna put an end to it.
All of this.

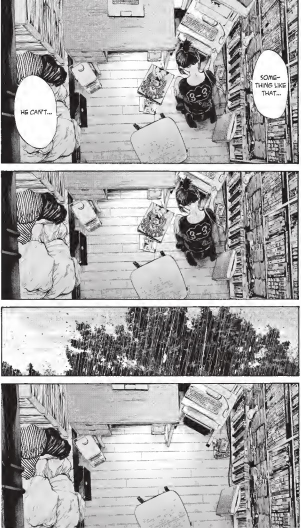

KLIK
KLIK

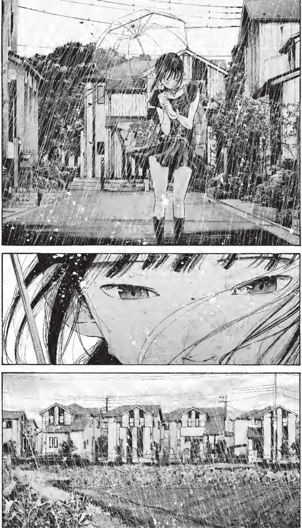

POOOONG
Welcome
In just a few steps, you can register and set up your Mac
Choose your Country or Region
HAH.
HAH.
HAH.

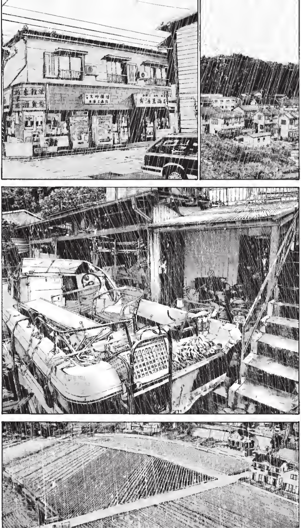

OOOO-OKAY!! THANK YOU SOOOOO MUCH!!
つしお祭
実行委員
NEXT UP, COUPLE, KEIKO KOBAYASHI AND SHOTA KASHIMA! COME ON UP!!
HUH ?!
WHOA! WE'RE NOT A COUPLE !!
GET IT TOGETHER, KASHIMA !!
MY SCRIPT IS PERFECTION !!

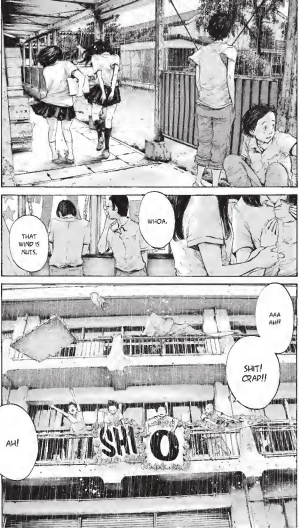

HEY! MONKEY !!
BACKFLIP !!
TEK TEK TEK
HOW'M I SUPPOSED TO DO THAT?!
3-3
3-3
sorry
Sorry


VINDEMEN
Happy End
NO WAY...


SOME-THING LIKE THAT...
HE CAN'T...






WHOA.
THAT WIND IS NUTS.
AAA AH!!
SHIT! CRAP!!
AH!
SHI
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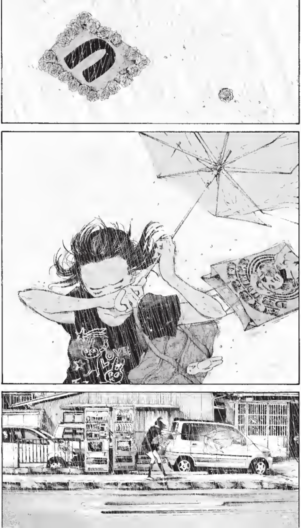
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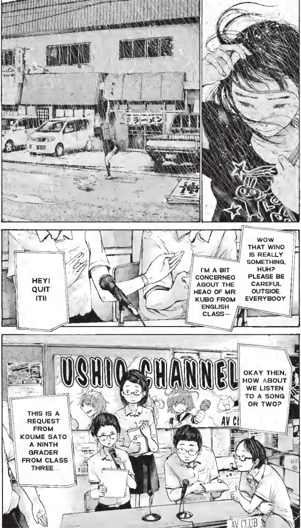
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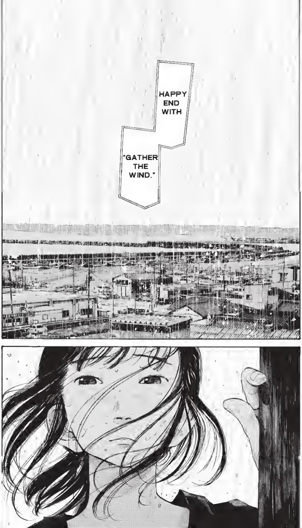
WOW THAT WIND IS REALLY SOMETHING, HUH? PLEASE BE CAREFUL OUTSIDE, EVERYBODY
I'M A BIT CONCERNED ABOUT THE HEAD OF MR KUBO FROM ENGLISH CLASS—
HEY! QUIT IT!!
USHIO CHANNEL
AV CLUB
OKAY THEN, HOW ABOUT WE LISTEN TO A SONG OR TWO?
THIS IS A REQUEST FROM KOUME SATO A NINTH GRADER FROM CLASS THREE…
AV CLUB


HAPPY END WITH
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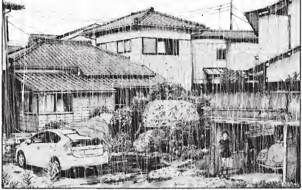
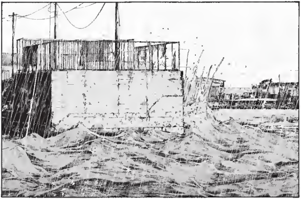
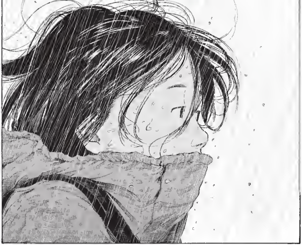


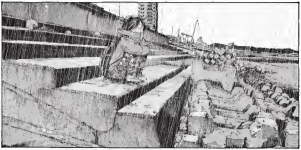
Walking down a road stretching out on the outskirts of town...



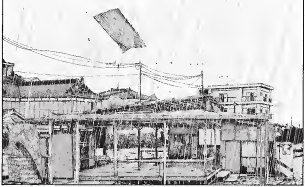
...beyond the stained early morning haze...



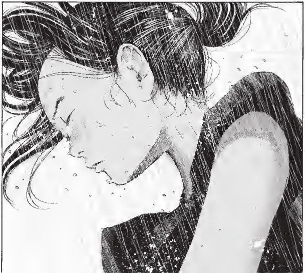
...I saw a streetcar rising from sleep to cross the ocean.

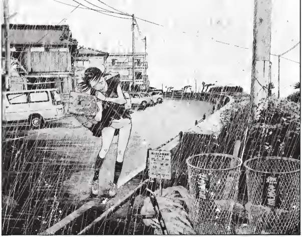


And I wanted to gather up the wind, gather up the wind...

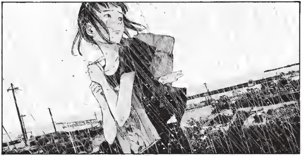


...and race through the blue sky, the clear, blue sky.

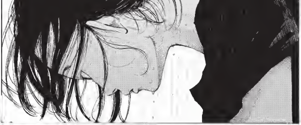




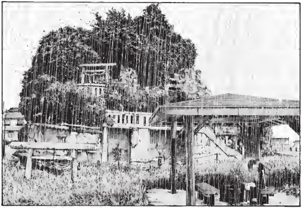
Passing through a spectacular sunrise...



...beyond the deserted breakwater...



I saw a city crimson sails raised, anchored at port...



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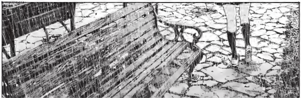

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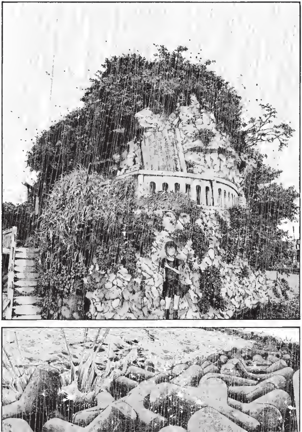

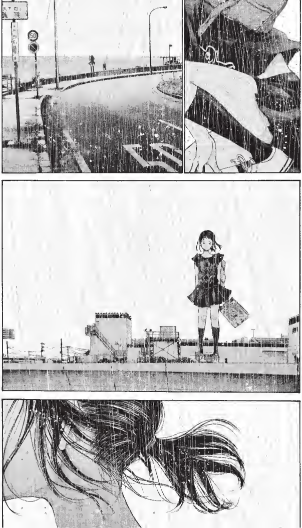
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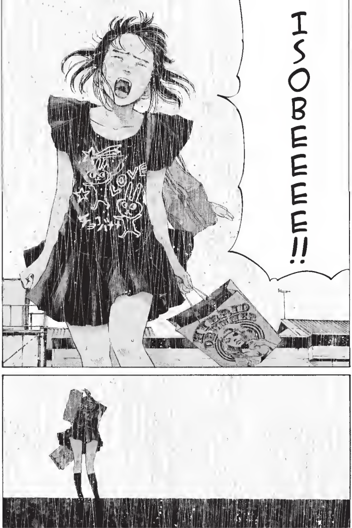
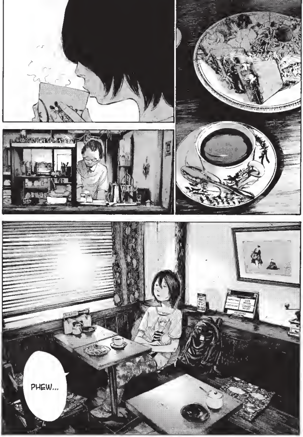
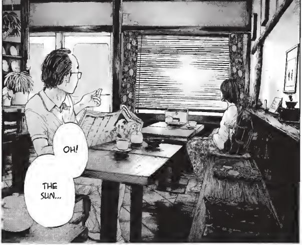
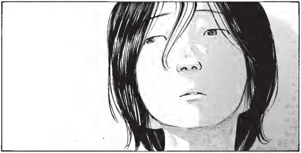

ISOBEEEE!!
LOVE


CAPPUCCINO
CAFE MOCHA
CAFE AU LAIT
CARAMEL AU LAIT
ICE COFFEE
PHEW...

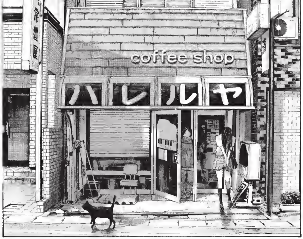
Killing time in a quiet coffee shop in the morning...



...beyond the cracked glass...



...I saw the rustling skyscrapers' silks dip onto the pavement.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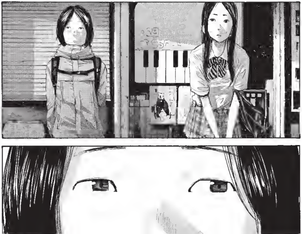

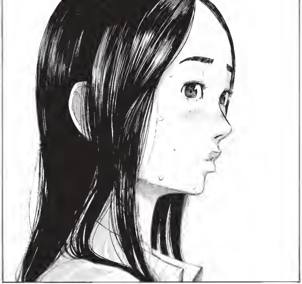

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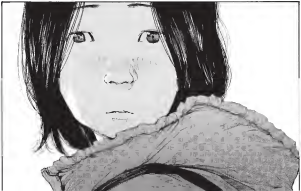
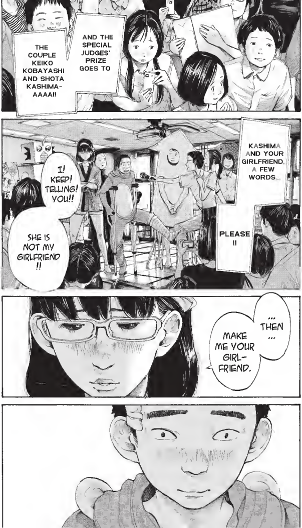
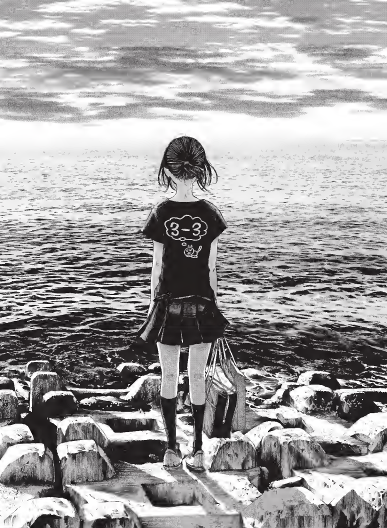



AND THE SPECIAL JUDGES' PRIZE GOES TO
THE COUPLE KEIKO KOBAYASHI AND SHOTA KASHIMA-AAAAI!!
KASHIMA AND YOUR GIRLFRIEND, A FEW WORDS...
PLEASE !!
I! KEEP! TELLING! YOU!!
SHE IS NOT MY GIRLFRIEND !!
... THEN ...
MAKE ME YOUR GIRL-FRIEND.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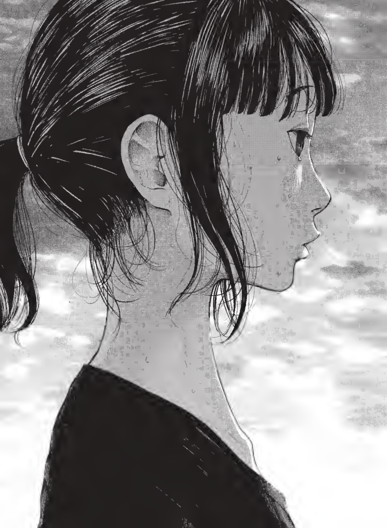

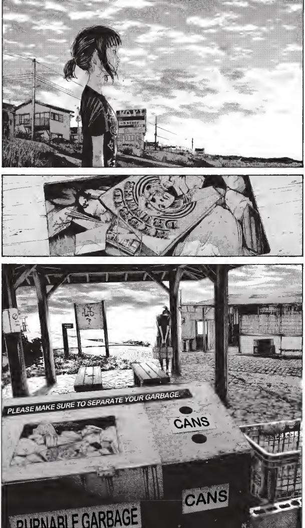
PLEASE MAKE SURE TO SEPARATE YOUR GARBAGE.
CANS
CANS
BURNABLE GARBAGE

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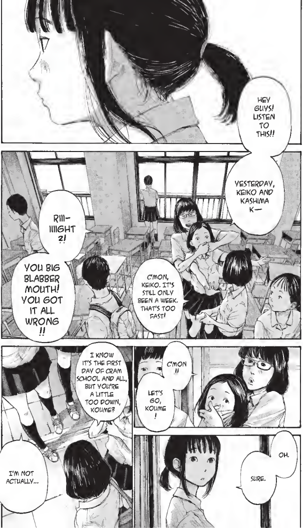
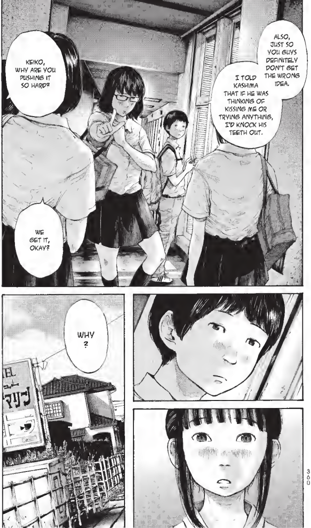
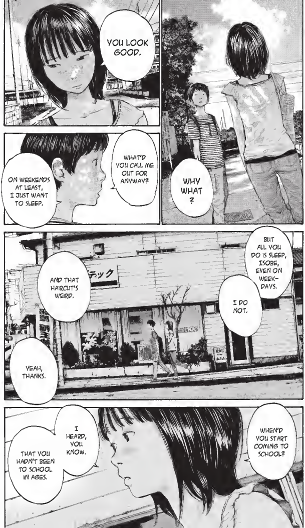
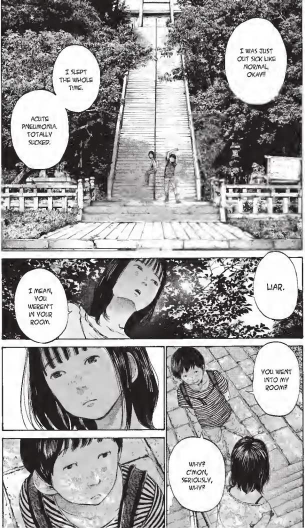
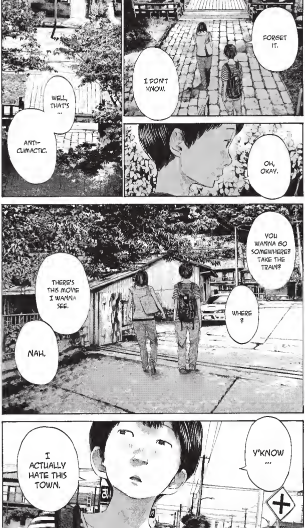
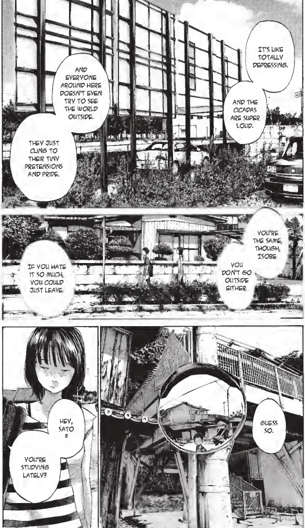

HEY GUYS! LISTEN TO THIS!!
YESTERDAY, KEIKO AND KASHIMA K—
RIII-IIIGHT?!
C'MON, KEIKO. IT'S STILL ONLY BEEN A WEEK. THAT'S TOO FAST!
YOU BIG BLABBER MOUTH! YOU GOT IT ALL WRONG!!
C'MON!!
LET'S GO, KOUME!
I KNOW IT'S THE FIRST DAY OF CRAM SCHOOL AND ALL, BUT YOU'RE A LITTLE TOO DOWN, KOUME?
OH.
SURE.
I'M NOT ACTUALLY...

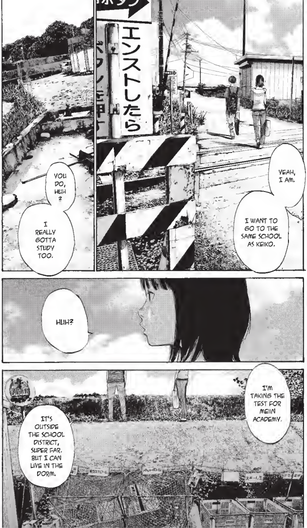

ALSO, JUST SO YOU GUYS DEFINITELY DON'T GET THE WRONG IDEA.
I TOLD KASHIMA THAT IF HE WAS THINKING OF KISSING ME OR TRYING ANYTHING, I'D KNOCK HIS TEETH OUT.
KEIKO, WHY ARE YOU PUSHING IT SO HARD?
WE GET IT, OKAY?
WHY?

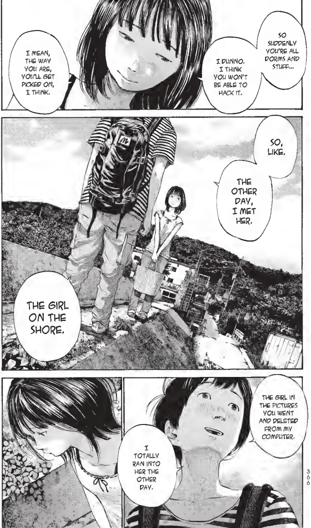

WHY WHAT ?
YOU LOOK GOOD.
WHAT'D YOU CALL ME OUT FOR ANYWAY?
ON WEEKENDS AT LEAST, I JUST WANT TO SLEEP.
BUT ALL YOU DO IS SLEEP, ISOBE, EVEN ON WEEKDAYS.
I DO NOT.
ティック
AND THAT HAIRCUT'S WEIRD.
YEAH, THANKS.
WHEN'D YOU START COMING TO SCHOOL?
I HEARD, YOU KNOW.
THAT YOU HADN'T BEEN TO SCHOOL IN AGES.

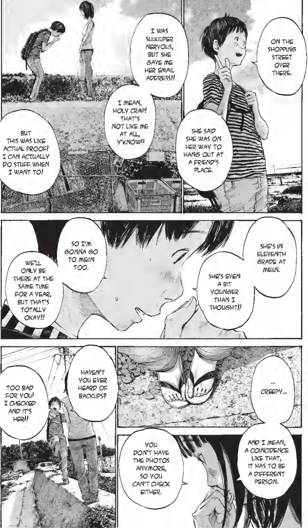

I WAS JUST OUT SICK LIKE NORMAL, OKAY!!
I SLEPT THE WHOLE TIME.
ACUTE PNEUMONIA. TOTALLY SUCKED.
LIAR.
I MEAN, YOU WEREN'T IN YOUR ROOM.
YOU WENT INTO MY ROOM?
WHY? C'MON, SERIOUSLY, WHY?

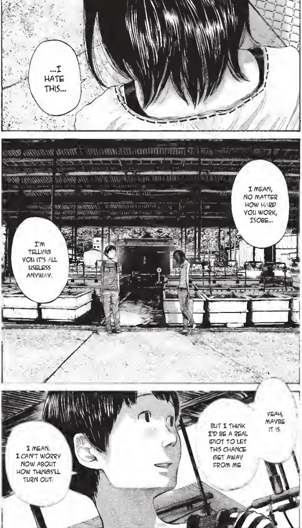

FORGET IT.
I DON'T KNOW.
OH, OKAY.
WELL, THAT'S ...
ANTI-CLIMACTIC.
YOU WANNA GO SOMEWHERE? TAKE THE TRAIN?
WHERE?
THERE'S THIS MOVIE I WANNA SEE.
NAH.
Y'KNOW ...
I ACTUALLY HATE THIS TOWN.

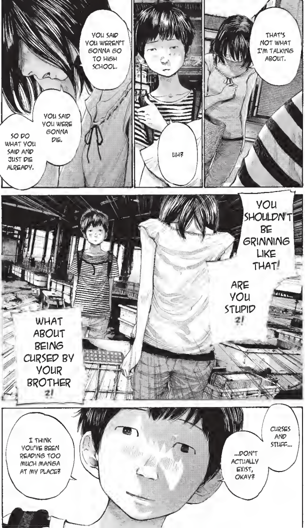

IT'S LIKE TOTALLY DEPRESSING.
AND THE CICADAS ARE SUPER LOUD.
AND EVERYONE AROUND HERE DOESN'T EVEN TRY TO SEE THE WORLD OUTSIDE.
THEY JUST CLING TO THEIR TINY PRETENSIONS AND PRIDE.
YOU'RE THE SAME, THOUGH, ISOBE.
YOU DON'T GO OUTSIDE EITHER.
IF YOU HATE IT SO MUCH, YOU COULD JUST LEAVE.
GUESS SO.
HEY, SATO?
YOU'RE STUDYING LATELY?

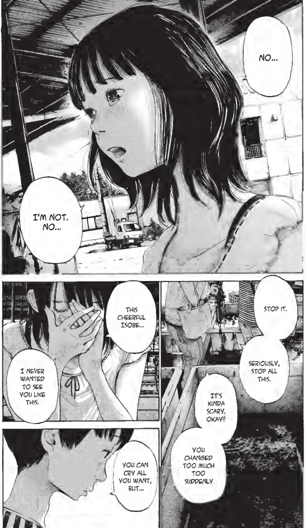

エンストしたら
YEAH, I AM.
I WANT TO GO TO THE SAME SCHOOL AS KEIKO.
YOU DO, HUH?
I REALLY GOTTA STUDY TOO.
HUH?
I'M TAKING THE TEST FOR MEIIN ACADEMY.
IT'S OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, SUPER FAR. BUT I CAN LIVE IN THE DORM.

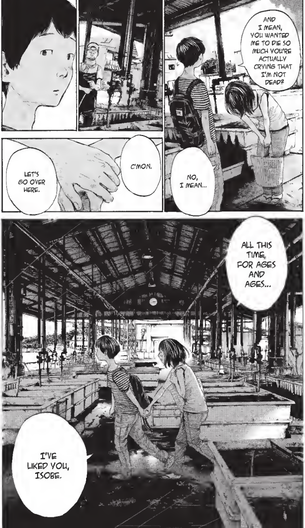

SO SUDDENLY YOU'RE ALL DORMS AND STUFF...
I DUNNO. I THINK YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO HACK IT.
I MEAN, THE WAY YOU ARE, YOU'LL GET PICKED ON, I THINK.
SO, LIKE.
THE OTHER DAY, I MET HER.
THE GIRL ON THE SHORE.
THE GIRL IN THE PICTURES YOU WENT AND DELETED FROM MY COMPUTER.
I TOTALLY RAN INTO HER THE OTHER DAY.

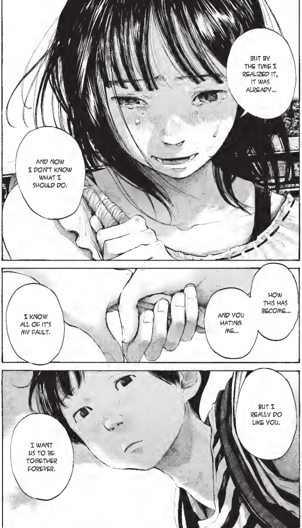

ON THE SHOPPING STREET OVER THERE.
SHE SAID SHE WAS ON HER WAY TO HANG OUT AT A FRIEND'S PLACE.
I WAS SUUUUPER NERVOUS, BUT SHE GAVE ME HER EMAIL ADDRESS!!
I MEAN, HOLY CRAP! THAT'S NOT LIKE ME AT ALL, Y'KNOW!!
BUT THIS WAS LIKE ACTUAL PROOF! I CAN ACTUALLY DO STUFF WHEN I WANT TO!
SHE'S IN ELEVENTH GRADE AT MEIIN.
SHE'S EVEN A BIT YOUNGER THAN I THOUGHT!!
SO I'M GONNA GO TO MEIIN TOO.
WE'LL ONLY BE THERE AT THE SAME TIME FOR A YEAR, BUT THAT'S TOTALLY OKAY!!
... CREEPY...
AND I MEAN, A COINCIDENCE LIKE THAT, IT HAS TO BE A DIFFERENT PERSON.
YOU DON'T HAVE THE PHOTOS ANYMORE, SO YOU CAN'T CHECK EITHER.
HAVEN'T YOU EVER HEARD OF BACKUPS?
TOO BAD FOR YOU! I CHECKED AND IT'S HER!!

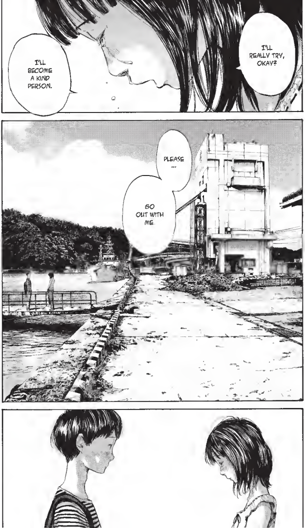

...I HATE THIS...
I MEAN, NO MATTER HOW HARD YOU WORK, ISOBE...
I'M TELLING YOU IT'S ALL USELESS ANYWAY.
YEAH, MAYBE IT IS.
BUT I THINK I'D BE A REAL IDIOT TO LET THIS CHANCE GET AWAY FROM ME.
I MEAN, I CAN'T WORRY NOW ABOUT HOW THINGS'LL TURN OUT.

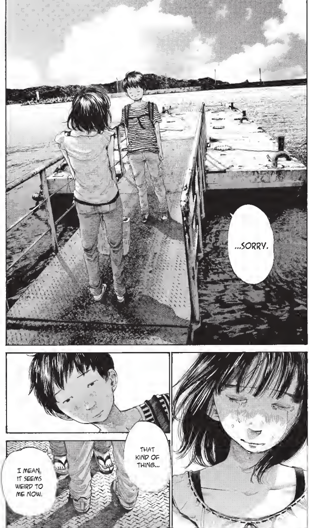

THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT.
UH?
YOU SAID YOU WEREN'T GONNA GO TO HIGH SCHOOL.
YOU SAID YOU WERE GONNA DIE.
SO DO WHAT YOU SAID AND JUST DIE ALREADY.
YOU SHOULDN'T BE GRINNING LIKE THAT!
ARE YOU STUPID ?!
WHAT ABOUT BEING CURSED BY YOUR BROTHER ?!
CURSES AND STUFF...
...DON'T ACTUALLY EXIST, OKAY?
I THINK YOU'VE BEEN READING TOO MUCH MANGA AT MY PLACE?

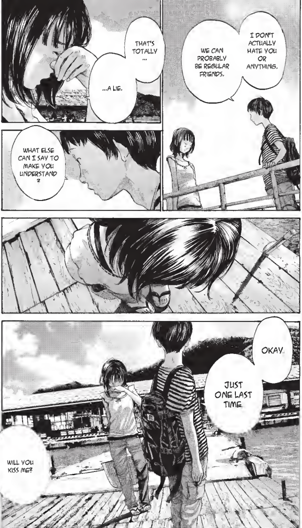

NO...
I'M NOT. NO...
STOP IT.
SERIOUSLY, STOP ALL THIS.
IT'S KINDA SCARY, OKAY?
YOU CHANGED TOO MUCH TOO SUDDENLY.
THIS CHEERFUL ISOBE...
I NEVER WANTED TO SEE YOU LIKE THIS.
YOU CAN CRY ALL YOU WANT, BUT...

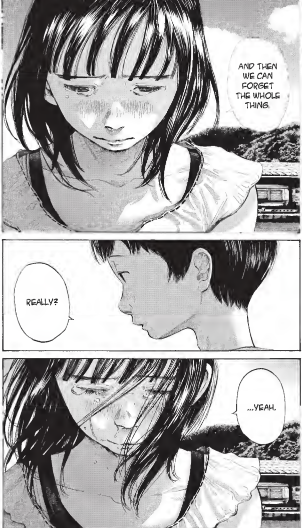

AND I MEAN, YOU WANTED ME TO DIE SO MUCH YOU'RE ACTUALLY CRYING THAT I'M NOT DEAD?
NO, I MEAN...
C'MON.
LET'S GO OVER HERE.
ALL THIS TIME, FOR AGES AND AGES...
I'VE LIKED YOU, ISOBE.

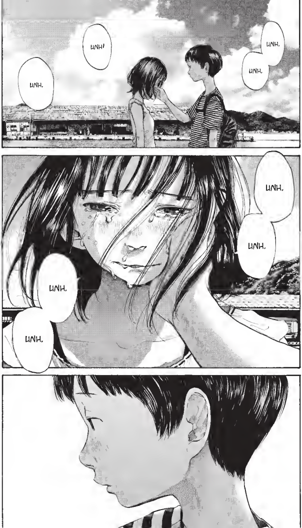

BUT BY THE TIME I REALIZED IT, IT WAS ALREADY...
AND NOW I DON'T KNOW WHAT I SHOULD DO.
HOW THIS HAS BECOME...
AND YOU HATING ME...
I KNOW ALL OF IT'S MY FAULT.
BUT I REALLY DO LIKE YOU.
I WANT US TO BE TOGETHER FOREVER.


I'LL REALLY TRY, OKAY?
I'LL BECOME A KIND PERSON.
PLEASE ...
GO OUT WITH ME.


...SORRY.
THAT KIND OF THING...
I MEAN, IT SEEMS WEIRD TO ME NOW.


I DON'T ACTUALLY HATE YOU OR ANYTHING.
WE CAN PROBABLY BE REGULAR FRIENDS.
THAT'S TOTALLY ...
...A LIE.
WHAT ELSE CAN I SAY TO MAKE YOU UNDERSTAND ?
OKAY.
JUST ONE LAST TIME.
WILL YOU KISS ME?


AND THEN WE CAN FORGET THE WHOLE THING.
REALLY?
...YEAH.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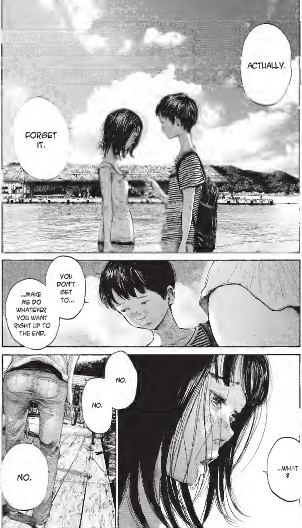
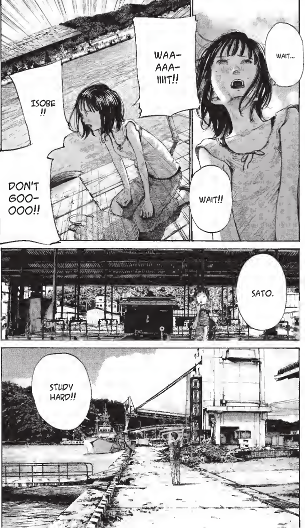
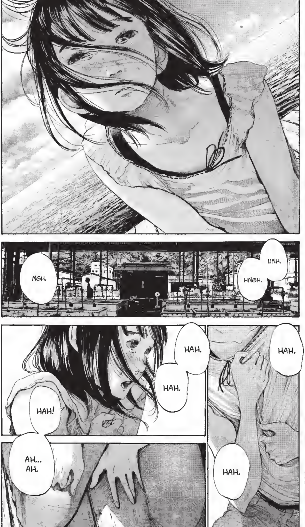
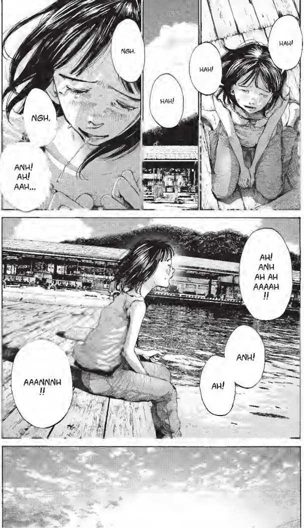

ACTUALLY.
FORGET IT.
YOU DON'T GET TO...
...MAKE ME DO WHATEVER YOU WANT RIGHT UP TO THE END.
...WHAT?
NO.
NO.
NO.


WAIT...
WAIT!!
WAA-AAA-IIIIT!!
ISOBE!!
DON'T GOO-OOO!!
SATO.
STUDY HARD!!


UNH.
HNGH.
NGH.
HAH.
HAH.
HAH.
HAH!
HAH.
AH... AH.


HAH!
HAH!
HAH!
NGH.
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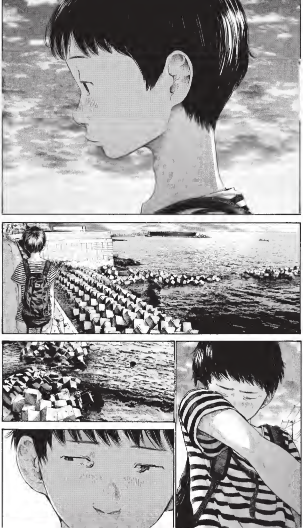
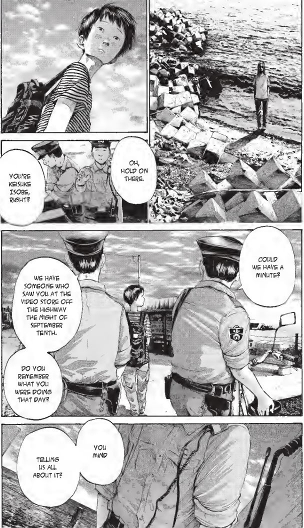
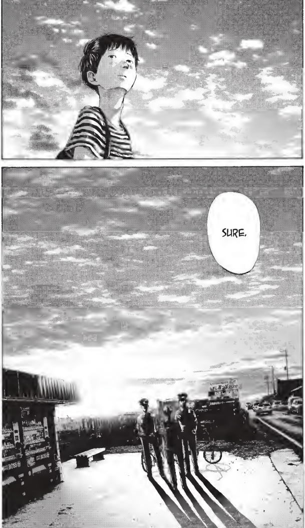
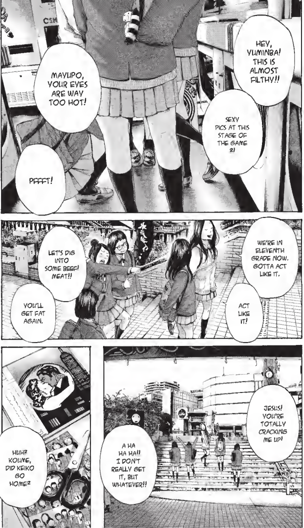
ANH! AH! AAH...
AH! ANH AH AH AAAAH !!
ANH!
AH!
AAANNNH !!

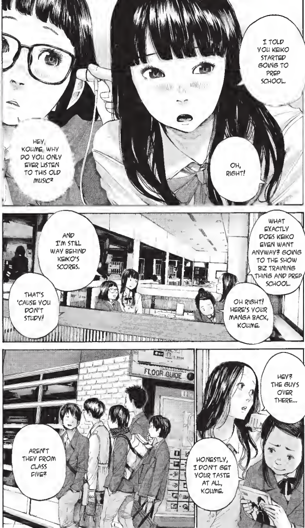


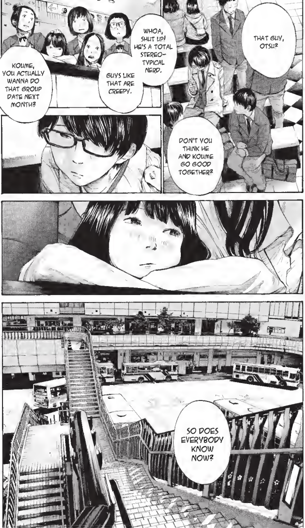

OH, HOLD ON THERE.
YOU'RE KEISUKE ISOBE, RIGHT?
COULD WE HAVE A MINUTE?
WE HAVE SOMEONE WHO SAW YOU AT THE VIDEO STORE OFF THE HIGHWAY THE NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER TENTH.
DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT YOU WERE DOING THAT DAY?
YOU MIND
TELLING US ALL ABOUT IT?

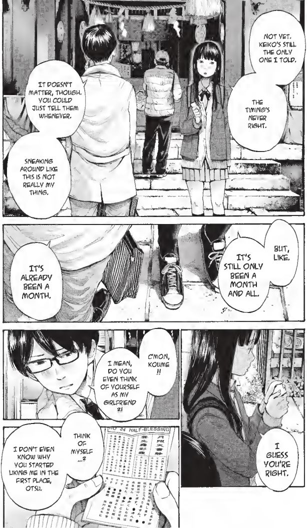

SURE.
BOSS

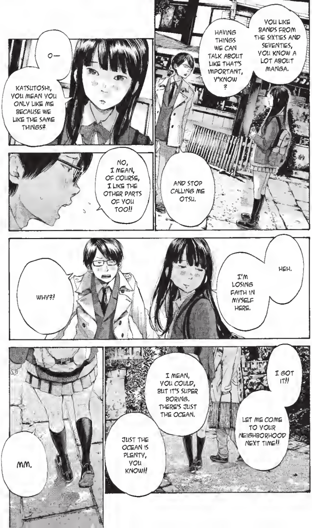
A
Girl
on the
Shore

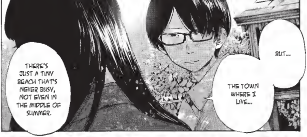

HEY, YUMINBA! THIS IS ALMOST FILTHY!!
SEXY PICS AT THIS STAGE OF THE GAME ?!
MAYUPO, YOUR EYES ARE WAY TOO HOT!
PFFFT!
WE'RE IN ELEVENTH GRADE NOW. GOTTA ACT LIKE IT.
ACT LIKE IT!
LET'S DIG INTO SOME BEEF! MEAT!!
YOU'LL GET FAT AGAIN.
JESUS! YOU'RE TOTALLY CRACKING ME UP!
A HA HA HA!! I DON'T REALLY GET IT, BUT WHATEVER!!
HUH? KOUME, DID KEIKO GO HOME?

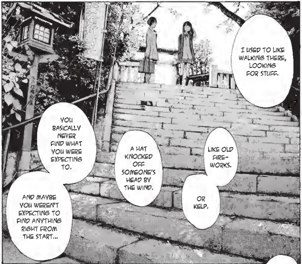

I TOLD YOU KEIKO STARTED GOING TO PREP SCHOOL.
OH, RIGHT!
HEY, KOUME, WHY DO YOU ONLY EVER LISTEN TO THIS OLD MUSIC?
WHAT EXACTLY DOES KEIKO EVEN WANT ANYWAY? GOING TO THE SHOW BIZ TRAINING THING AND PREP SCHOOL.
OH RIGHT! HERE'S YOUR MANGA BACK, KOUME.
AND I'M STILL WAY BEHIND KEIKO'S SCORES.
THAT'S 'CAUSE YOU DON'T STUDY!
HEY? THE GUYS OVER THERE...
HONESTLY, I DON'T GET YOUR TASTE AT ALL, KOUME.
FLOOR GUIDE
AREN'T THEY FROM CLASS FIVE?

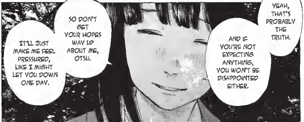

THAT GUY, OTSU?
DON'T YOU THINK HE AND KOUME GO GOOD TOGETHER?
WHOA, SHUT UP! HE'S A TOTAL STEREOTYPICAL NERD.
GUYS LIKE THAT ARE CREEPY.
KOUME, YOU ACTUALLY WANNA DO THAT GROUP DATE NEXT MONTH?
SO DOES EVERYBODY KNOW NOW?

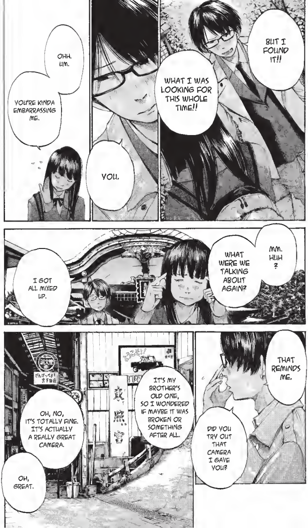

NOT YET. KEIKO'S STILL THE ONLY ONE I TOLD.
THE TIMING'S NEVER RIGHT.
IT DOESN'T MATTER, THOUGH. YOU COULD JUST TELL THEM WHENEVER.
SNEAKING AROUND LIKE THIS IS NOT REALLY MY THING.
BUT, LIKE,
IT'S STILL ONLY BEEN A MONTH AND ALL.
IT'S ALREADY BEEN A MONTH.
I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT.
C'MON, KOUME !!
I MEAN, DO YOU EVEN THINK OF YOURSELF AS MY GIRLFRIEND ?!
THINK OF MYSELF ...?
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHY YOU STARTED LIKING ME IN THE FIRST PLACE, OTSU.
NO 34 HALF-BLESSING

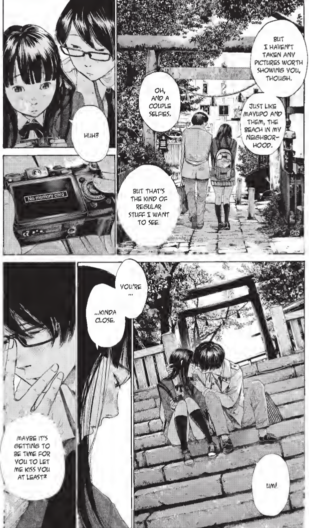

YOU LIKE BANDS FROM THE SIXTIES AND SEVENTIES, YOU KNOW A LOT ABOUT MANGA.
HAVING THINGS WE CAN TALK ABOUT LIKE THAT'S IMPORTANT, Y'KNOW?
O—
KATSUTOSHI, YOU MEAN YOU ONLY LIKE ME BECAUSE WE LIKE THE SAME THINGS?
NO, I MEAN, OF COURSE, I LIKE THE OTHER PARTS OF YOU TOO!!
AND STOP CALLING ME OTSU.
HEH.
I'M LOSING FAITH IN MYSELF HERE.
WHY?!
I GOT IT!!
LET ME COME TO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD NEXT TIME!!
I MEAN, YOU COULD, BUT IT'S SUPER BORING. THERE'S JUST THE OCEAN.
JUST THE OCEAN IS PLENTY, YOU KNOW!!
MM.

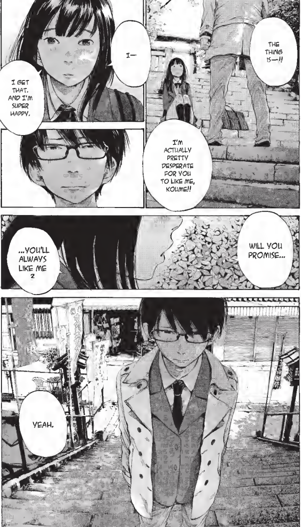

BUT...
THE TOWN WHERE I LIVE...
THERE'S JUST A TINY BEACH THAT'S NEVER BUSY, NOT EVEN IN THE MIDDLE OF SUMMER.

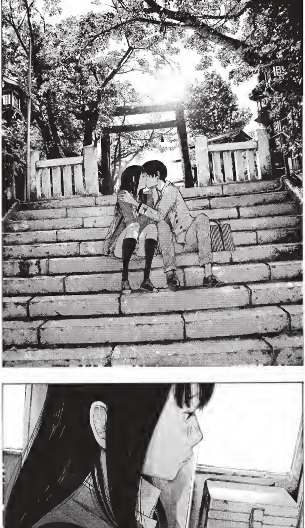

I USED TO LIKE WALKING THERE, LOOKING FOR STUFF.
LIKE OLD FIREWORKS.
OR KELP.
A HAT KNOCKED OFF SOMEONE'S HEAD BY THE WIND.
YOU BASICALLY NEVER FIND WHAT YOU WERE EXPECTING TO.
AND MAYBE YOU WEREN'T EXPECTING TO FIND ANYTHING RIGHT FROM THE START...

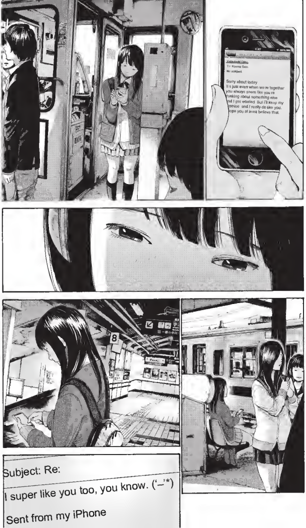

YEAH, THAT'S PROBABLY THE TRUTH.
AND IF YOU'RE NOT EXPECTING ANYTHING, YOU WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED EITHER.
SO DON'T GET YOUR HOPES WAY UP ABOUT ME, OTSU.
IT'LL JUST MAKE ME FEEL PRESSURED, LIKE I MIGHT LET YOU DOWN ONE DAY.


BUT I FOUND IT!!
WHAT I WAS LOOKING FOR THIS WHOLE TIME!!
YOU.
OHH. UM.
YOU'RE KINDA EMBARRASSING ME.
MM. HUH?
WHAT WERE WE TALKING ABOUT AGAIN?
I GOT ALL MIXED UP.
THAT REMINDS ME.
DID YOU TRY OUT THAT CAMERA I GAVE YOU?
IT'S MY BROTHER'S OLD ONE, SO I WONDERED IF MAYBE IT WAS BROKEN OR SOMETHING AFTER ALL.
OH, NO, IT'S TOTALLY FINE. IT'S ACTUALLY A REALLY GREAT CAMERA.
OH, GREAT.


omo
BUT I HAVEN'T TAKEN ANY PICTURES WORTH SHOWING YOU, THOUGH.
JUST LIKE MAYUPO AND THEM, THE BEACH IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD.
OH, AND A COUPLE SELFIES.
BUT THAT'S THE KIND OF REGULAR STUFF I WANT TO SEE.
HUH?
No memory card
UM!
YOU'RE ...
...KINDA CLOSE.
MAYBE IT'S GETTING TO BE TIME FOR YOU TO LET ME KISS YOU AT LEAST?


THE THING IS—!!
I'M ACTUALLY PRETTY DESPERATE FOR YOU TO LIKE ME, KOUME!!
I—
I GET THAT. AND I'M SUPER HAPPY.
WILL YOU PROMISE...
...YOU'LL ALWAYS LIKE ME ?
YEAH.





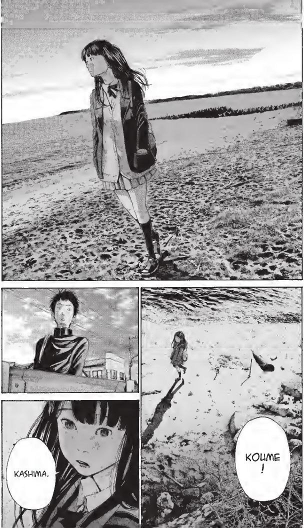
To: Koume Sato.
No subject

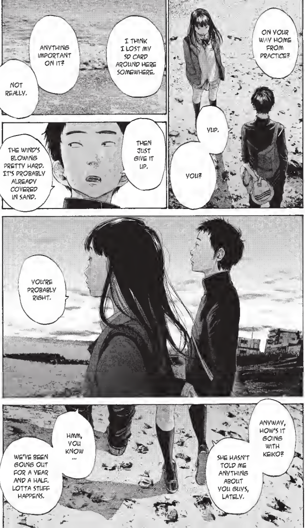
Sorry about today
It's just even when we're together
you always seem like you're
thinking about something else
nd I get worried. But I'll keep my
omise. and I really do like you.
ope you at least believe that.

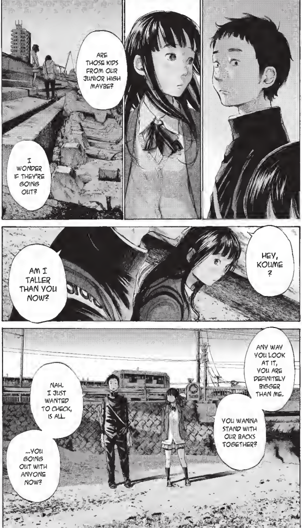
Subject: Re:

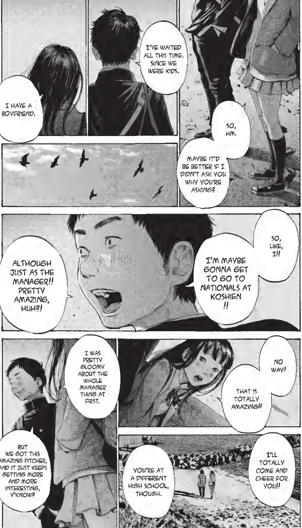
I super like you too, you know. ('–'*)

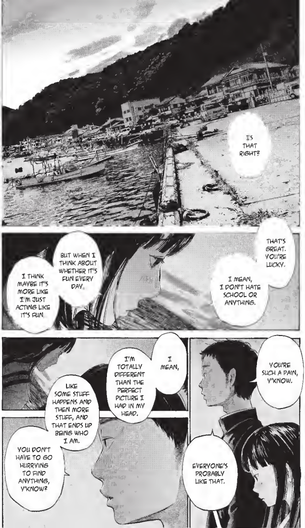
Sent from my iPhone

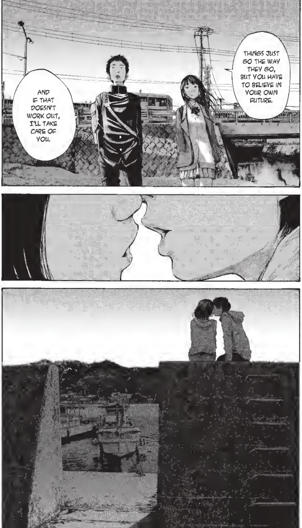

KOUME
!
KASHIMA.

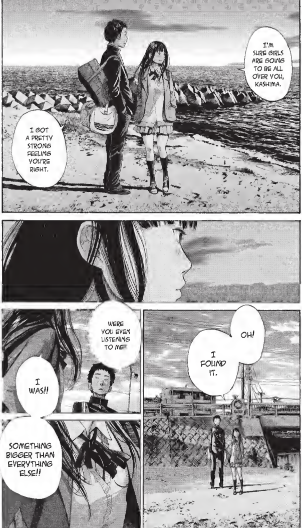

ON YOUR WAY HOME FROM PRACTICE?
YUP.
YOU?
I THINK I LOST MY SD CARD AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE.
ANYTHING IMPORTANT ON IT?
NOT REALLY.
THEN JUST GIVE IT UP.
THE WIND'S BLOWING PRETTY HARD. IT'S PROBABLY ALREADY COVERED IN SAND.
YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT.
ANYWAY, HOW'S IT GOING WITH KEIKO?
SHE HASN'T TOLD ME ANYTHING ABOUT YOU GUYS, LATELY.
HMM, YOU KNOW ...
WE'VE BEEN GOING OUT FOR A YEAR AND A HALF. LOTTA STUFF HAPPENS.

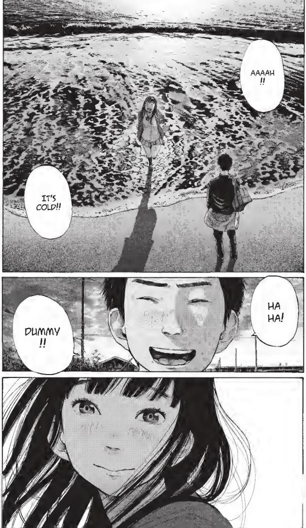

ARE THOSE KIDS FROM OUR JUNIOR HIGH MAYBE?
I WONDER IF THEY'RE GOING OUT?
HEY, KOUME?
AM I TALLER THAN YOU NOW?
ANY WAY YOU LOOK AT IT, YOU ARE DEFINITELY BIGGER THAN ME.
YOU WANNA STAND WITH OUR BACKS TOGETHER?
NAH. I JUST WANTED TO CHECK, IS ALL.
...YOU GOING OUT WITH ANYONE NOW?

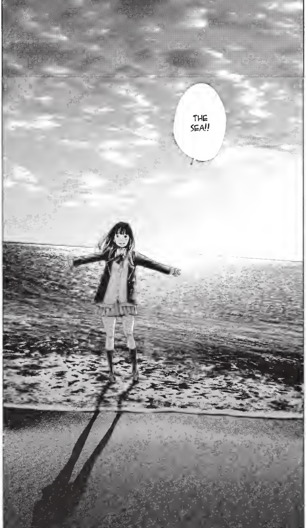

SO, HM.
MAYBE IT'D BE BETTER IF I DIDN'T ASK YOU WHY YOU'RE ASKING?
I'VE WAITED ALL THIS TIME. SINCE WE WERE KIDS.
I HAVE A BOYFRIEND.
SO, LIKE, I!!
I'M MAYBE GONNA GET TO GO TO NATIONALS AT KOSHIEN!!
ALTHOUGH JUST AS THE MANAGER!! PRETTY AMAZING, HUH?!
NO WAY!
THAT IS TOTALLY AMAZING!!
I WAS PRETTY GLOOMY ABOUT THE WHOLE MANAGER THING AT FIRST.
BUT WE GOT THIS AMAZING PITCHER, AND IT JUST KEEPS GETTING MORE AND MORE INTERESTING, Y'KNOW?
I'LL TOTALLY COME AND CHEER FOR YOU!!
YOU'RE AT A DIFFERENT HIGH SCHOOL, THOUGH.


IS THAT RIGHT?
THAT'S GREAT. YOU'RE LUCKY.
I MEAN, I DON'T HATE SCHOOL OR ANYTHING.
BUT WHEN I THINK ABOUT WHETHER IT'S FUN EVERY DAY,
I THINK MAYBE IT'S MORE LIKE I'M JUST ACTING LIKE IT'S FUN.
YOU'RE SUCH A PAIN, Y'KNOW.
I MEAN,
I'M TOTALLY DIFFERENT THAN THE PERFECT PICTURE I HAD IN MY HEAD.
LIKE SOME STUFF HAPPENS AND THEN MORE STUFF, AND THAT ENDS UP BEING WHO I AM.
EVERYONE'S PROBABLY LIKE THAT.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO HURRYING TO FIND ANYTHING, Y'KNOW?


THINGS JUST GO THE WAY THEY GO, BUT YOU HAVE TO BELIEVE IN YOUR OWN FUTURE.
AND IF THAT DOESN'T WORK OUT, I'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU.


I'M SURE GIRLS ARE GOING TO BE ALL OVER YOU, KASHIMA.
I GOT A PRETTY STRONG FEELING YOU'RE RIGHT.
OH!
I FOUND IT.
WERE YOU EVEN LISTENING TO ME?
I WAS!!
SOMETHING BIGGER THAN EVERYTHING ELSE!!


AAAAH !!
IT'S COLD!!
HA HA!
DUMMY !!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